



United States Team Roping CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Section 1

MEMBERSHIPS

1.1 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT - Participation in a USTRC event requires being a current member of the USTRC or WSTR. As an alternative to possessing a current USTRC or WSTR membership card, a roper may collect winnings with a current Key card, or Global Handicap card. If a roper does not have a card, they will submit a renewal Membership application to the National Office or purchased a card at the event office or online, including appropriate fees, prior to the event or division he or she is entering. Ropers will be permitted to purchase or renew Memberships anytime during the year and will expire on December 31st. Membership sales for the next season will begin on November 1st each year for a standard membership October 1st for the Key Card membership. To participate the USTRC NFTR a roper must be a current year member or purchase a Key Card available October 1st before the entry is accepted.

Membership Permits will be available during the month of and October, however, permits will not be accepted at the NFTR, or associated Finals ropings.

Participation in a USTRC event by a roper who does not have a current USTRC or WSTR membership card or has not submitted a renewal membership application as specified, will result in disqualification of the roper and the roper's teammate. The disqualified roper who is not current shall not receive a refund of entry fees and neither member of a disqualified "Pick" team is eligible for any prize or prize money. However, should a current member by "computer draw" be teamed with a non-current partner, the current member is entitled to receive his or her share of the prizes and prize money. The non-current member is disqualified and therefore forfeits entry fees, prizes and prize money.

By entering a USTRC event, the roper is representing that he or she is in compliance with the membership requirements.

Acceptance of an entry at an event by USTRC or its producers shall not constitute a waiver of the requirement set forth in this rule. Membership fees will not be refunded as a result of classification or rule disagreements.

1.1.2 RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE AND TEAM DRAW-OUT – USTRC reserves the right to refuse service or draw-out any team for inappropriate conduct, conflicts with management, or any other disputes that cannot be settled prior to an event.

1.2 MEMBERSHIP - Membership cards will be issued for the calendar year and expire on December 31, of the year purchased with the exception of 14-month memberships to begin the next season on November 1st each year, or 15th- month Key Card available on October 1st. A digital copy of your membership card can also be downloaded from the USTRC app available at USTRC.com. Issuance of the card does not guarantee that a classification number shall remain the same for the entire year or not be changed during the year. Classification services are provided to USTRC and managed by Global Handicaps.

1.3 USTRC JUNIOR LOOPER MEMBERSHIP - This free-of-charge membership is available to ropers 12 years of age and younger and is automatically renewed until the child turns 13 years old. Upon turning 13 years of age they are ineligible to compete in Junior Looper ropings. Any youth roper who competes on horseback in a USTRC event must purchase a Junior Membership (\$60), refer to section 1.4. Date of birth is used for Junior Looper participation.

USTRC JUNIOR LOOPER PROGRAM-

The Junior Looper Program is for any child 12 years or younger. Children will receive a free Junior Looper Membership with copy of their birth certificate confirming their age. The Junior Looper Roping is one of the benefits of the Junior Looper Membership.

JUNIOR LOOPER RULES-

1. Must bring Junior Looper Card or copy of birth certificate to receive prize.
2. Three Age Groups: 6 and under, 7- 9 and 10-12.
3. Junior Loopers may not enter below their age division.

Keep in mind that the Junior Looper Program is a free program developed for the youth in the sport of team roping. The USTRC staff appointed to facilitate the roping will ensure to the best of his/her ability that the event is conducted fairly. Please comply with the requests and suggestions of the conductor(s) of the event. Junior Looper parents are invited to watch, but not participate. Thanks for being involved in the growth and future of the sport of Team Roping.

1.4 USTRC JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP, 15 & YOUNGER MEMBERSHIP - Available to ropers 15 and younger competing in USTRC events. This membership is \$60 per roping season, purchased anytime November 1st or after until December 31st of the following year. 15 Or younger is based on year of birth.

1.5 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP - USTRC memberships are free to renewing or past USTRC members 70 and older, who have been a member during the last three years. The rule is based on year of birth; therefore, ropers who turn 70 within the calendar year are eligible as of January 1st of the year they turn 70 years young.

1.6 KEY CARD MEMBERSHIP- The yearly membership fee is \$300 and is valid from October 1st, or the time of purchase, to December 31, of the current season. Any member will be allowed to upgrade to a Key membership. This means memberships accepted after October 1st, of each season shall be valid for the remainder of the season and the next full season (potentially 15 months). However, to participate in the NFTR, a roper must have the current year season membership. Refer to the pricing for upgrades on the membership form.

Each \$1000 in entry fees spent at USTRC qualification ropings during the season earns a NFTR pre-entry event discount. NFTR pre-entry event discounts are guaranteed to 1st thru 3rd place winners at any Signature qualification event (1st place with standard USTRC membership. Each additional \$1000 in accumulated earnings from either USTRC winnings and/or WSTR winnings earn a NFTR pre-entry event discount (only counted for USTRC winnings with standard USTRC membership.)

1.7 MAJOR MEMBERSHIP OFFENSES - Quarreling or fighting in the arena. Mistreatment of livestock. Misrepresenting or falsifying a classification number. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass any USTRC official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge at a time when an event is in progress. Engaging in, or attempting to engage in, any action threatening, berating, harassing, intimidating, assaulting or striking a roping official, a roping spectator, any official representative or employee of the USTRC or any USTRC Contestant.

1.8 PENALTIES FOR MEMBERSHIP OFFENSES - Ropers attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass any USTRC official at any time, in or out of the arena, will automatically be disqualified, forfeit entry fees, and face potential disqualification from future events at the discretion of the USTRC internal board. If a roper uses any excuse to enter a roping advertising USTRC handicaps, at a number lower than his official USTRC classification, and this dishonesty results in winning a check, upon verification, the USTRC will immediately upwardly adjust that individual's official classification for a period of not less than one year. This also applies to any roper falsifying information on another ropers behalf.

1.8.1 SPORTSMANSHIP OF MEMBERS - USTRC reserves the right to disqualify any roper who does not act in a sportsmanlike, reasonable, or professional manner. Disqualified ropers forfeit all fees.

1.9 MEMBERSHIP BAD DEBTS - Bad checks made payable or declined credit card to the USTRC, USTRC vendors, *The Team Roping Journal* or USTRC producer holding an official USTRC sanctioned event will result in immediate ineligibility. Non-payment shall result in punitive action, which may include classification number increase, and/or legal action. Ropers who have competed on entry fees paid with a bad check or declined credit card are responsible for the debt, regardless of who made payment.

Section 2

ROPING RULES

2.1 LEGAL CATCHES - There are only three legal head catches: 1) Around both horns; 2) Half a head (loop must be around one horn and head, one eye of the steer must look through the loop); 3) Around the neck. If Hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other, the catch is illegal. If a loop crosses itself in a head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catches. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels. All bridle catches are considered illegal.

2.1.1 LOOPS - Roping steers without turning loose the loop will be considered no catch. Roper is not allowed to ride up and remove loop or put loop over other horn or head with his hands.

2.1.2 QUESTIONED CATCH - The judges will decide any questioned catches. If a field judge tells the header to hold the steer so the flagger may inspect the head catch, and the header does not do so, the team may receive a no-time.

2.2 TIME TAKEN - Time will be taken when the steer is roped, secure between both partners, both horses are facing steer with ropes dallied and tight. Horses front feet must be on the ground and ropers must be mounted when time is taken. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels. Time is taken when flag is dropped, however, that time is not official until the flagger or field judge gives indication to the timer or secretary. The flagger may flag a team out after time is taken on a run, based on an illegal head catch or illegal heel catch, steer was not secure or any other factor that was not clear when time was taken.

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2.3 TIE ON RULE - Tie on age for men heelers with a classification of 5.5 or lower will be 55 years and older. Tie on age for men heelers with a classification of #6 or higher will be 60 years and older. Female ropers may tie on any time after age 13. Year of birth is the determining factor. Therefore, birthdays that occur anytime during the membership year are valid on January 1st of the roping season. Female heelers may tie-on with no age restrictions. The association reserves the right to grant tie on permission.

2.4 CROSS FIRE - Will not be permitted. Animal must be in tow before the heel rope is released.

2.5 HEELER ROPES FRONT FOOT - If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop prior to the team calling for time, the time will be counted. Judge will not allow any extra time for a front leg to come free.

2.6 HEADER ROPES ANY LEG - Should a header rope any leg (**horse or steer**), it's an automatic no time. Under no circumstance will the header be allowed to fish-out the leg.

2.7 DROPPED ROPE - A dropped rope that must be recoiled is considered a thrown rope.

2.8 ARENA CLEAR - Should a team call for a steer before the arena is clear, and are subsequently interfered with by the steer or team still in the arena, this will not be recognized as interference and they shall NOT receive a rerun.

Section 3

COMPETITION RULES

3.1 DRESS CODE - *Formal and NFTR* - At the NFTR and all major events where formal cowboy attire is advertised or required, ropers must wear a cowboy hat or no hat. Caps will not be permitted. Cowboy attire is defined as shirts with a sewn on collar, buttoned front styling, with long sleeves (sleeveless shirts not permitted) and cowboy boots, or approved laced cowboy shoe with a heel. Ladies attire in under formal cowboy attire is the same as men. Unless a medical exemption is made, heeled or any type tennis shoes will not be permitted. Failure to observe dress code will result in a no-time on any steer qualified.

3.2 DRESS CODE - *Sanctioned Events* - Ropers must wear a cowboy hat or no hat. Caps will not be permitted. Exceptions to Caps: Ladies will be permitted to wear style caps or caps of USTRC sponsors at OUTSIDE arenas only. In addition, contractors/producers may waive the hat rule during inclement weather (excessive wind, rain). Shirts must have collar and at least two buttons, short or long sleeve. Shirt rule is same for men and women (sleeveless shirts and tank tops not permitted.)

3.3 FAILURE TO COMPETE IN SHORT ROUND - A team who fails to compete in any short round is automatically disqualified from the aggregate and thereby forfeits all money, prizes, points and shoot-out positions related to the aggregate.

3.4 ROPING OUT OF ORDER - A team who ropes out of order in a short round will automatically receive a no time.

3.5 UP AND BACK - In ropings where ropers are allowed to enter more than once, ropers are permitted to enter "Up and Back" - (switching ends with same partner).

3.6 EMERGENCY DRAW-OUT - In the event of an injury emergency involving a competing roper, his family or his horse, the contractor may draw that team out and refund their money, even though they may have already competed and taken some but not all of their runs.

Section 4

JUDGING

4.1 JUDGES PARTICIPATION - Flag passing is not permitted. Producer shall not permit flaggers to rope in a roping event he/she is flagging, unless the event is using rotations and more than one flagger is in use.

4.2 JUDGES CONTROL - The field flagger or judge has an obligation to control the domain within the boundaries of the arena. That includes anyone trying to warm up, extend a waiting line, sit in the back of the arena, or in any way be in position to interfere.

4.3 JUDGES DECISION - A contestant may point out to the official an incorrect communication between the judge and timekeeper. In addition, if the ability of a team to compete was impaired by physical conditions in the arena or physical conditions of the steer they may appeal to the judge immediately. A contestant may also request a flagger to explain what a call was, however, this explanation is not a discussion or debate and the roper shall immediately exit the arena after receiving the explanation. The flagger has performed his/her function of making the call.

4.3.1 QUESTIONING A CALL - Any question or further discourse concerning the call should be addressed directly to the contractor/producer immediately. The decision of the field judge is not final. The event contractor or association official after listening to the ropers perspective, discussing and studying all information has the right to override a call he/she believe is incorrect. If the contractor/producer's decision overrides the field judge, flagger, and that ultimate decision results in the awarding of purse monies, the producer is required to inform the association of that decision and the circumstances surrounding that decision. In the event that a roper decides to question a decision beyond the roping event in social media, USTRC may utilize its authority under 1.1.2.

4.4 SURRENDERING A RUN - If in the opinion of the field judge one or both members of a team stops competing during the course of a run, the judge has the right to flag the team out.

4.5 PROBLEM HORSES/THREE STRIKE NOTICE - If a ropers has had the opportunity to enter the box and can neither get the horse in the box, nor bring the horse under control while in the box, and in the opinion of the judge this situation has become excessive (holding up the roping) a 3 strike notice will be given and if the roper does not call for the steer on the 3rd attempt the judge has the option of declaring a no time on the run. Should this occur on the first steer, the team will receive their entry fees back. If this occurs on the second or third steer (or on the fourth steer in a five-steer aggregate), the team may receive their fees back, only if they qualified the previous steer or steers. The refund rule is not valid for any short round.

4.6 CALLING FOR A STEER - Steer belongs to the ropers when called for by the header. Except for mechanical failure the team accepts the situation "as is" regardless of what happens.

4.7 DECLARING A STEER OR PULLING UP - During the course of a run, the contestant or steer is visibly fouled or he can visibly see that they will be fouled, he must declare by pulling up or attempting to pull up and not try to go on with the contest. If he does not declare, he accepts the situation the way it is.

4.7.1 VISIBLY INJURED - If the roping stock is visibly injured as the run begins, including a broken horn, the team must declare themselves by pulling up immediately. Judge may stop a run at anytime he observes an injured animal, to remove that animal from competition. This action will result in a rerun for contestants.

4.7.2 BROKEN HORN - If in the opinion of the judge a non-visible broken horn existed prior to the beginning of a run, he has the option to declare a rerun. However, no rerun shall be awarded where clearly the broken horn was caused by the run itself, or if the judge suspects the broken horn occurred during the run. If run is completed and time taken, even though a broken horn is clearly visible, time shall stand and field judge will remove that animal from the draw.

4.8 QUALIFYING A STEER - If a roper believes he/she was fouled but has no visible or obvious way of knowing, for instance that a chute or barrier functioned correctly, roper must qualify in order to get a rerun.

4.9 ANIMAL ESCAPES HEADGATE - If the gate fails to open in the first attempt, gateman must stop and wait for another nod from the roper. Whatever happens prior to the nod is not to be considered, (horse cannot break a barrier before the roper calls for the animal). If a steer is inadvertently released or escapes the head gate, the team in the box will be rolled and given another steer (exception: in the short round, the team must rope the next available steer in the chute).

Section 5

LIVESTOCK

5.1 REMOVAL FROM DRAW - USTRC, or USTRC official(s), reserve the right to withdraw any steer from the herd at any time. Head duckers, draggers, stoppers, eliminators, unusually slow cattle and cattle that turn back into the corners shall be pulled from the herd immediately as they surface during the USTRC qualification roping. Removal from draw does not automatically result in a rerun for the team roping a steer removed from the herd. However, a rerun may be awarded if in the opinion of the flagger, that a steer in question did not afford a team the opportunity to compete.

5.1.1 SORTING - The right to withdraw a steer from the herd at any time is required as sorting occurs continually throughout most professionally run events. Speed sorts are occurring, and in addition some contractors sort short rounds. Occasionally cattle begin to show wear and are sorted or pulled in anticipation, before they might foul a team in the future. Teams may not request a rerun simply because a steer is sorted from the herd. Neither are reruns automatic when the horn wraps are pulled.

5.1.2 RERUNS - Reruns will be determined by the field flagger and will be offered without a request from the roper. If a flagger does not award a rerun on a steer that a team feels did not afford them the opportunity to compete, they may ask for an explanation, but not argue or discuss the lack of rerun with the flagger. They may immediately request a review by the roping Contractor/Producer who has the final decision in these matters. If a barrier penalty is assessed and the rerun is a result of a field issue, the barrier penalty carries to the rerun with a lap and tap (no additional barrier penalty assessed).

5.2 HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK - If a USTRC roper excessively abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action, he shall be disqualified and forfeit all entry fees. The judge shall immediately inform the announcer that the contestant has been disqualified, and announcer will immediately announce the disqualification due to unnecessary roughness of livestock.

5.2.1 PRODDING - No animal shall be treated inhumanely or prodded excessively. Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible. Animal shall be touched only on the hip and shoulder area with prod.

5.2.2 FAILURE TO RELEASE STEER - Any roper who fails to release a steer following a run, continues to hold pressure on a steers head, resets or ropes a steer moving into the stripping chute, may be disqualified from the competition. This does not apply to ropers who hold up the steer to allow other teams to clear the stripping chute or alley, or headers who are assisting a steer to find the stripping alley or chute.

5.2.3 FAILURE TO HEED WARNING - Any contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from a field flagger that the roper is mistreating an animal will forfeit their entry fees in all divisions for the remainder of that event.

Section 6

BARRIER

6.1 BARRIER PENALTY - A 5-second penalty will be added for beating the barrier. The penalty for beating the heel barrier will always be the same as the penalty for beating the head barrier.

6.2 HEIGHT OF BARRIER - Height of barrier eyes shall be from 32 to 36 inches, measured at the center of the box. In the case of the WS steer chute barriers, offset eyes and barrier curtains are permitted.

6.3 LENGTH OF HEAD START - All score line lengths are to be set by the Producer in accordance with arena conditions and steer speed. Every effort should be made to avoid 5 second runs, and based on prevailing break out clock variances, every effort should be made to have the majority of the herd turn at the middle of the arena.

6.4 PRIEFERT (WS) BARRIER - Where possible contractors are asked to use the World Series barrier.

6.4.1 HORSE BARRIER EYE DISTANCES - Header eye distance shall be set at 9 feet from the headers butt bar, unless box construction prevents those measurements. Heeler eye distance shall be 11 feet from the heelers butt bar, unless box construction prevents that measurement.

6.4.2 STEER BARRIER EYE DISTANCES - Shall be set at 9 inches from the end of open chute gates. Contractor is permitted the option of setting the steer eye up to one and one half feet from the open chute gates in some #13 and higher ropings based on cattle speed.

6.5 ROPE BARRIER - Any roping forced to use rope barrier will observe PRCA rules.

6.6 BARRIER/TIMER MALFUNCTION - Should a barrier/timer malfunction during the natural course of a competition either for the roper or against the roper, the field judge may offer the option of awarding a rerun or removing the barrier penalty. (The steer need not be qualified on to receive a rerun.) However, there shall be no question or disagreement that this situation occurred.

Section 7

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

7.1 HOME VIDEOS - Recording for personal use will be permitted, however, in any event where commercial video services or live Internet feed is offered, public usage is strictly prohibited. Unauthorized reproductions, Internet postings or a commercial sale of home videos is strictly prohibited.

7.2 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RELEASE - By payment of membership or entry into the USTRC NFTR or qualification event, ropers grant permission to the rights of their image, likeness and sound of their voices as recorded on audio or video tape without payment or any other notice or consideration. These images may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and ropers waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein their likenesses appears. Additionally, ropers waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of an image or recording. Material may be used for diverse promotional and educational purposes within an unrestricted geographical area.

7.3 CALCUTTAS - The USTRC prohibits any Calcutta or any other organized gambling with USTRC ropings without prior written consent.

7.4 DOGS - No dogs allowed in spectator area or arena. Dogs on premises must be leashed.

7.5 PEDDLERS - There will be no unauthorized sales conducted on roping grounds

Section 8

UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE

- **MEMBERS HAVE READ AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT UPON ENTRY AND/OR PURCHASE OF MEMBERSHIP, AND FURTHER AGREES THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THE FOREGOING WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE. CRUZ BAY PUBLISHING, INC., DBA UNITED STATES TEAM ROPING CHAMPIONSHIPS HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY OR MEMBERSHIP TO ANYONE FOR ANY REASON IT DEEMS NECESSARY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLASSIFICATION ISSUES. QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE USTRC OFFICE AT 505-899-1870.**
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