

RODEO RULES

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

Nation's top bucking horses used and ridden only with association saddles. Ordinary halter with but one rein is allowed and must be held only by hand on same side of horse's neck. This rein is either 3 or 4 strands of grass or cotton rope braided and not more than 1 inch in diameter. Other hand must be free at all times. Rider must begin spurring horse up on shoulders while leaving chute and continue to spur throughout the ride.

Getting bucked off, changing hands on rein, wrapping the rein around hand, pulling leather, blowing stirrup (loosing foot from stirrup), touching horse or saddle with free hand or failing to spur to suit judges disqualifies the rider.

BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

Horse is ridden with surcingle or bareback rigging or with only a loose rope around it and held with but one hand. A small rope or strap is tied around the horse's flanks just snug enough to annoy it and make it buck harder. Rules are much the same as in saddle bronc riding.

CALF ROPING

The calf is turned loose and timing starts when it crosses the deadline about 10 or 15 feet in front of the chute as the flag drops. A small rope or sash cord, known as the barrier, is fastened

up in front of the roper to the side of the calf chute and released with the drop of the flag. If the roper starts for the calf too soon and breaks the barrier a 10-second penalty is added to his time. Each roper is allowed a second loop if he misses with his first.

Canadian rules do not allow roper to tie rope to saddle but dally around horn so as to slip off when roper dismounts. American rules allow rope to be tied fast to the horn but horse must be trained well and rope and reins tied and adjusted in a manner to prevent the horse from dragging the calf. If the calf gets jerked off its feet it must be allowed to get up again and be thrown by hand. With a short piece of light rope known as the "inevitable" little pigging string any 3 feet are tied together in a manner to suit the judges.

Timing is taken to a tenth of a second. Pigging string is between the roper's teeth.

STEER WRESTLING OR BULLDOGGING

Contestant and helper or hazer are mounted, one on each side of the chute. Timing starts when steer crosses deadline and contestant must jump from his horse to the steer, catch it by the horns, bringing it to a stop and twist it down on its side with all 4 feet out from under it. If steer's head is twisted one way and steer should fall the other, which is known as a dog fall, then it must be let up and twisted down again. Fastest times decide the winner. In Canada this contest is sub-

stituted with steer - decorating. The contestant jumps to the steer and slips a red ribbon on a horn.

BULL OR STEER RIDING

A loose rope is put around the animal like a big noose and held tight with a 1-hand hold. A bell is fastened to the rope under the animal's belly and a rope or flak strap used as on bare-back horses. When bulls are used, spurring is not required continually throughout the ride.

Rodeo Chatter—

CATCH PEN—Pen into which stock is run after being ridden or roped.

CHOUSE—To run cattle too fast.

CROW-HOP—Ineffectual bucking.

DOG FALL—Putting a steer down in bulldogging, with his feet under him or pointing the wrong way.

BUTTON—A young boy.

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IF ANY shall fail in this stewardship of the land, thy fruitful fields shall become sterile stony ground and wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or perish from off the face of the earth.

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