

NSPRA Policies & Procedures

The following are policies set by the NSPRA Board of Directors that are not part of the NSPRA Rulebook.

1. It is the consensus of the Board to make it standard practice for directors to receive membership at no charge.
2. Gold cards will be given to those 75 years of age with 15 years of membership.
3. There will be a charge of \$75 to active gold card holders. Non-active gold card members are free.
4. If gold card member wants to receive a subscription to the Rodeo News that additional cost must be paid by the Gold Card member.
5. The Board will record all votes either by roll call or by signed written vote.
6. All votes taken at a NSPRA Board meeting shall be recorded and made available on the Association Website.
7. It is the consensus of the Board to allow the rules committee to use its full discretion in determining what proposed rules would be considered by the full Board.
8. A director of the association may not serve as a Finals judge.
9. Complimentary copies of the official publication of the NSPRA will be provided to local committees who do not already receive a copy.
10. Individual event directors are to handle the "horse of the year" award.
11. We shall obtain an annual license from BMI so that we may be licensed to provide any type of music at the Finals.
12. **New board member(s) will be seated in their respective positions at the first official board meeting of the new year. (added 8/24/16)**
13. When the new directors are seated and officers elected, the new president should preside immediately.
14. The President can approve expenses from \$0-\$2,000. Expenses of \$2,001-\$5,000 will need the approval of the Board of Directors. This is a Board policy decision and will not require by-law changes.
15. Any member or permit holder who writes an NSF check and does not rectify it within sixty (60) days will be put on the cash only list for lifetime. After 60 days, the member is taken to collections.
16. Judges are to be assigned by the NSPRA and sanction forms are to be changed to reflect this policy. If a committee requests a competent, qualified judge, all efforts should be made to honor those requests.
17. All rodeos must have Board approval.
18. There will be a minimum \$5.00 finance charge to credit cards when charges are run.
19. Permit holders must pay in advance of a rodeo with a credit card, or check that is received before the rodeo, or be guaranteed by a member. If they release, entry fees only are refunded. If released, it counts as one permit used. A permit member can change to member status and get credit for the permit fee paid if purchased by the end of the rodeo. All pre-paid fees collected by the National Office are kept there and applied to the 7% check from the committee.
20. **NSPRA shall only co-approve an equal number of CSPRA rodeos, as CSPRA co-approves with the NSPRA.**
21. **The NSPRA will not co-sanction or co-approve any rodeos(from another association) held the same time as a NSPRA sanctioned rodeo.**
22. The NSPRA will honor the Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association's suspension list.
23. Any jackpot event will follow all guidelines and rules of the NSPRA.
24. When there are co-sanctioned rodeos, the hosting association's rodeo rules will apply.
25. Members who guarantee payment of membership fees from new/returning members will be responsible for the membership fee if new/returning member fails to pay.

26. Anyone who declares bankruptcy and money owed is wiped clean by the bankruptcy courts, and if the member wishes to come back to the association, they will be placed on a cash-only basis for life.
27. Late entries will be accepted up until 12:00 PM the morning after entries close. Late entries must call and leave a detailed message on the machine; there will be a \$25 fee.
28. Proxy votes for Event Directors must be a member that enters that event. Proxy votes for Executive Board members must be a member in good standing and a member for a year – not another board member.
29. Any member entered in a rodeo that is cancelled can count that rodeo as one of their 5 qualifying rodeos, **subject to paying the \$20 NSPRA fee.**
30. **Any contestant entered in an event where they are the only contestant entered in that event when the books close and therefore cannot compete per Rule 15.6.4 may count that rodeo as one of their qualifying rodeos subject to paying the \$20 NSPRA fee for that rodeo. This policy only applies to the specific event and does not allow the contestant to draw out of any other events with at least one other contestant.**
31. In sanction contract, the Rodeo Committee will be responsible for Central Entry costs if they cancel their rodeo.
32. Rodeo committees are encouraged to increase the amount of added money in the riding events and steer wrestling to be assured of attracting contestants and pleasing the paying audience.
33. Canadian checks and currency will not be accepted at any US rodeo or National Office.
34. Committees and contestants have 30 days after a rodeo to settle all issues with that rodeo.
35. 2011 CO-SANTIONING WITH CANADA (Added to Policies and Procedures (3/2/2011))
 - Rodeo's that are co-sanctioned- only one membership is necessary, either NSPRA or CSPRA.
 - Points won at those rodeos will only count towards the card the contestant is holding. If a contestant buys a card from the other association after he has competed, those points are not retroactive.
36. Steer Wrestling draw/order is to be done at the rodeos by judges because the program will not draw age groups together.
37. Canadian members have the option to pay an additional \$25 to receive the official publication of the NSPRA.
38. Unlimited Timed Event/Rough Stock Only Rodeos are allowed with Sanction Committee/Board Approval. Points awarded at these rodeos will count towards All-Around and will count toward five rodeos to qualify for the SNFR.
39. **For a one-year trial during the 2018 season, the NSPRA will not collect the \$150 co-sanction from other associations.**
40. Tie Breaker at Finals:
 - 1st – highest in region standings
 - 2nd – highest in season end points