CENTRAL CENTURY TEAM ROPERS ASSOCIATION

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Hereinafter referred to as the CCTRA ,and/or the Association.

Situations not covered by, or referred to in this rule book or bylaws will be referenced to the WSTRA rulebook.

Regarding the governance of the Association, elections and meetings etc., situations not covered by this rule book will be referenced to Robert's Rules of Order.

PART 1 – BYLAWS

The bylaws may be rescinded, amended, altered, or added to by a special resolution.

SECTION 1

A. PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. To organize and promote the sport of team roping.
2. To promote the welfare of all members and to endeavor to increase membership.
3. To provide an environment where the members have an opportunity for success.
4. To provide for the recreation of the members and to promote friendly competition and social activities.

SECTION 2

B. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The officers of the association shall be, President, Past President, Vice President, Directors and Secretary/Treasurer.

1. PRESIDENT

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He/she shall, when present, preside over all meetings. The President may appoint such committees as

he/she deems necessary, such as rules changes and grievances. The term of office shall be two years.

2. PAST PESIDENT

The past President shall/may remain on the Board of Directors for a one (1) year term. He/she shall/may act in an advisory role and attend all Board meetings. However, he/she does not have a vote on matters concerning the Board.

3. VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall have the same powers as the President, when the President is not available. The term of office shall be two years.

4. BOARD of DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as 'the Board') shall, subject to the By-laws and/or the rule book, and direction of the President, have full control and management of the affairs of the Association.

There shall be six members of the Board.

The term of office shall be two years. The Board member takes office as soon as his/her election to office becomes final.

Three Board members term of office expires in odd years, and three Board members term of office expires in even years.

Meetings of the Board may be called upon at the request of any two members of the Board. The President shall be notified of any such meeting, and the purpose of the meeting. Any four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Board members shall serve as a communication link between the members of the Association and the Board.

Board members shall work towards bettering the Association by encouraging new membership, seeking out sponsorship, and any other duties, but not limited to, those that may enhance the Association.

Board members shall bring forward any disputes or grievances brought to their attention.

A Board member may resign at any time.

In the event of a vacancy of the Board, the President may call an emergency general meeting to fill the vacancy on the Board.

A member of the Board may be removed from office upon notice, in writing, being forwarded to the President. The Board member in question shall be advised, in writing, of the notice of removal. The President shall convene a committee to deal with the notice of removal. The Board member in question shall be advised of the findings of the committee.

5. SECRETARY/TREASURER

A. Secretary: It shall be the duty to the Secretary to attend meetings of the Association and of the Board, and to keep accurate minutes of same. The Secretary shall have charge of the seal of the Association, which seal whenever used shall be authenticated by the signature of the President and the Secretary. The Secretary shall have charge of all of the correspondence of the Association and be under direction of the President and of the Board. The Secretary shall keep a record of all of the members of the Association and their addresses, send notices of various meetings as required, and shall collect and receive the annual dues or assessments levied by the Association. Such monies are promptly surrendered to the Treasurer for a proper deposit.

B. Treasurer: The treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the Association and shall be responsible for the deposit of same in a bank account approved by the Board. When requested by the Board, the Treasurer, shall prepare and present a full detailed account of the receipts and disbursements of the Association and shall prepare for submission to the Annual General Meeting a statement duly audited of the financial position of the Association.

C. Secretary/Treasurer Combo; the office of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined, if so decided by the general membership at a General Meeting.

SECTION 3

ADMINSTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. AUDITING:

The books, accounts and records of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year by a duly qualified accountant or by two members of the Association elected for that purpose at the Annual General Meeting. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted by such auditor at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The fiscal year of the Association shall be August 31.

The books and records of the Association may be inspected by any member of the Association at the Annual General Meeting or at any time giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the officer(s) having charge of the books. Each member of the Board shall have full and reasonable access to the books and records.

B. REMUNERATION:

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be a paid position. The amount of payment shall be determined by the Board.

Unless authorized no other officer or member of the Association shall receive any remuneration for his/her services

C BORROWING POWER:

For the purpose of carrying out its objects, the Association may borrow or raise or secure for the payment of money in such manner as it deems fit, and in particular, by issue of debentures, but in no case shall debentures be issued with the sanction of a resolution of the Association.

SECTION 4 MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Association shall hold an annual general meeting on or before August 31st of each year. Notice of the meeting shall be posted at least thirty days prior to the meeting, and shall be posted on the Association website, and such social media sites that each member should have ready access to the notice. At this meeting there shall be elected, any or all of the following positions whose two-year term is expiring; President, Vice President and Directors. The officers and directors so elected shall form the Board and shall serve until their successors are elected and installed. Any vacancy during the year shall be filled at the next meeting, provided it is stated in the notice calling such a meeting. Any member in good standing shall be eligible for any office in the Association. A meeting of the Association may be posted, as described above, by the Secretary, upon instruction of the President, or, in the absence of the President his/her alternate. If a member wishes to discuss an item at the AGM they must submit their request to the C.C.T.R.A. office, in writing, fourteen days prior to the meeting. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum. A special meeting may be called by the President at any time, giving notice of such meeting as described earlier.

SECTION 5: MEMBERSHIP/FEES

A. COMMITTEES:

The President may appoint such committees as he/she deems necessary.

B. MEMBERSHIP:

A member means a person who has been granted full membership with all its privileges in the Association upon payment, in full, of the annual membership fee.

The annual membership shall be $150.00.

Each member shall carry independent liability insurance. (ie. Alberta Equine Federation)

Membership is open to any person forty years of age and older.

Any person who is 39 years of age may join the Association provided that they turn 40 years of age during that roping season which is from September 1st to August 31st

A member shall be bound by and obliged to observe the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association.

If there is a complaint made about a member violating any of the by-laws, rules or regulations of the Association the President shall form a committee to deal with the complaint. The complaint MUST be made in writing.

A member deemed to have violated the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association may be subject to discipline, a fine or both.

A member in good standing has the right to attend the annual AGM, and has the right to vote at such meeting.

Any member may be expelled from the Association with just cause. There will be no reimbursement of membership fees.

Any member may resign from the Association at any time. There will be no reimbursement of membership fees.

C. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

The Board may from time-to-time award Associate, Honorary members, or Lifetime memberships. These members will be permitted to participate in Annual General Meetings, however, do not have the authority to vote.

SECTION 6: DRESS CODE

It is strongly recommended that ropers appear , at the ropings, in generally accepted western attire.

That being; cowboy hat, cowboy boots, shirt with collar and full button down front, either short or long sleeved.

PART 2 :

APPROVAL OF ROPINGS

SECTION 1. ROPING APPROVAL

The Board shall approve the ropings. There shall be twelve ropings per calender/ competition year. Every effort will be made to hold one roping per month.

SECTION 2: ROPING SETUP and FEES

A. The ropings are capped at a #8.

Each roper must have a roping classification number, no greater than a 5.5.

A roper may enter up to 5 times.

From time to time there may be a need to draw in extra headers or heelers in order to balance out the draw. Extra entries fees are required to be paid.

Entry fees are $40.00 per run.

There shall be a $5.00 fee per roper per roping in order to pay for the flagger.

The ropings are a straight draw. There will be no pick partners or trading partners.

Entries open at 11am.

Every effort will be made to start the roping at 12 noon.

There will be three rounds of roping.

There is no cap on the number of teams to enter. However, in order to save wear and tear on the cattle; if there are more than seventy five teams entered, each team must catch one of their steers in either, round one or round two, in order to go on to round three.

B. The association shall supply the necessary personnel to run each roping; ie. timer, timer helper, announcer, flagger, chute operator and stripping chute personnel.

SECTION 3: PAYOUT FORMULA

The amount of monies paid out is directly related to the total number of teams entered.

If there are over 100 teams entered; six places will be paid;

28%, 23%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 7%.

over 60 teams; five places will be paid;

30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%.

under 60 teams; four places will be paid;

40%, 30%, 20%, 10%.

There will be monies paid to the team with the fastest time in round one, only, in the amount of $40.00 per man.

SECTION 4 : POINT SYSTEM

Points are awarded according to the total number of teams that have entered the roping. The first-place team would be awarded the maximum number. The points would decrease by one point per team decreasing to the team with no time. In the event of a tie, the points would be divided equally.

SECTION 5 : ROPE OFF

If, at the end of a roping season, there is a tie between the leading header and/or heeler there shall be a sudden death rope off.

The header shall conduct their rope off first.

The order of the rope shall be determined by/with a coin toss.

Each header may select any heeler as a partner, but cannot select the same heeler.

All rules apply.

The roping shall continue until the tie is broken.

Once the header champion has been determined; the same process shall proceed, If necessary, to determine the champion heeler.

SECTION 6 : AWARDS

In order to qualify for finals awards, a member must attend at least six roping's during the same calendar year, including the finals.

The types and number of awards are directly affected by the number and amount of sponsorship funds collected.

SECTION 7 : ROPING NUMBER CLASSIFICATION

Each contestant must be an Association member in good standing and must have a roping number no greater than a 5.5 (5+).

The Association reserves the right to, in a fair and responsible manner, rate, monitor and change a members classification number if and when necessary .

Classification numbers will be dealt with at the end of the roping season.

If a member's roping number comes into question the President shall strike a committee to deal with the review. The member in question will be notified of the review. The committee should be provided with as much information as possible, ie., roping results, and standings, in order to fairly deal with the review.

The review shall be completed prior to the next scheduled roping.

The member in question shall be notified of the results of the review and has the right to appeal the result.

SECTION 8: FLAGGER/FIELD JUDGE;

There shall be a qualified flagger at each roping.

The roping will not start until the flagger is present in the arena and in a position to flag the roping.

The Association shall hire a flagger for each roping.

The flagger shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

The flagger will be paid a fare market value fee per roping which will be approved by the Board of Directors. The fee will range from $200.00 to $250.00 per roping.

Section 9 : STOCK GUIDELINES

All roping cattle shall be either Longhorn, or Mexican Corriente, or a cross thereof.

The cattle shall weigh between 400 and 600 pounds.

Other cattle may be used with the approval of the Board

PART 3: RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1: HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Roping cattle or horses must not be handled roughly or cruelly at any time.

If a member abuses an animal, he/she may be disqualified from the jackpot, all fees, and prizes shall be forfeited.

SECTION 2: CHANGING OF ROPING LIVESTOCK

Once a jackpot has begun, cattle shall not be pulled from the herd until after the first round of competition, unless the animal has a visible injury or illness.

Unsuitable cattle may be pulled from the herd at the discretion of the flagger.

SECTION 3: TIE ON RULE

Male heelers, 55 years of age and older may tie on.

Any female heelers may tie on.

All heelers that are tied on must use a mechanical quick release device that is designed to be released under pressure.

At no time are headers allowed to tie on hard.

SECTION 4: ROPING LOOPS

Each roper is allowed to pack only one rope.

Each roping team is allowed to throw two loops only.

Roping a steer, heading or heeling, without releasing the rope shall be considered a no time.

A roper is not allowed to ride up to a steer and remove the loop or put the loop over the other horn or head with his/her hand.

SECTION 5: CROSS FIRE

The header must have control of the steers head and the steers head must be bent before the heeler can deliver his/her loop. The heeler may rope the steer in the switch, but not before. Any heel loop delivered before the switch is considered a crossfire and the team shall receive a no time.

SECTION 6: FLAGGING ON THE HEELS

The flagger will drop the flag and a time will be taken when the heeler has delivered his/her rope and caught one or two feet, has stopped the steer, and the rope is tight, and has dallied (as defined) or is tied on.

A dally is defined as, one full wrap around the saddle horn in so that the rope crosses over itself.

The header does not need to be dallied or faced up to get a flag.

SECTION 7: BARRIER SYSTEM

An electronic barrier system is the prefered system.

The length of the score will be set by C.C.T.R.A. members.

The height of the barrier shall be between thirty-two (32) and thirty-six (36) inches.

SECTION 8 : TIMES AND PENALTIES

Times will be recorded in 100's of a second.

The header must start from behind the barrier. The time will start when the automatic barrier has been tripped by the head horse.

There will be a ten (10) second penalty for the header breaking the barrier.

There will be five (5) second penalty for the heeler catching only one (1) back foot.

SECTION 9: OPEN PEN ROPING

The roping shall be run with an open catch pen.

All ropes shall be taken off the cattle in the catch pen/stripping chute.

There shall be an imaginary line dividing the arena and the stripping chute.

Neither roper is permitted to block the steer's exit from the arena into the stripping chute.

If a steer has been roped and enters into the catch pen/stripping chute; the roper shall not pull or tow the steer back into the arena.

SECTION 10: LEGAL CATCHES

There are only three (3) legal head catches.

1) Around both horns
2) Half a head
3) Around the neck

If the 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

All bridle type catches are illegal

Any heel catches behind the shoulders is legal if the loop goes over the heels.

The steer must be standing when it is roped; either head or heels.

SECTION 11: QUESTIONABLE CATCHES

Any question as to catches will be decided by the flagger(s).

If a flagger tells a header to hold the steer so as to inspect the head loop and the header does not do so, the team may receive a no time.

SECTION 12: HEELER ROPES A FRONT FOOT

If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop it is an illegal catch. Should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop before the rope comes tight the time

will be counted. The flagger will not allow any extra time for the front leg(s) to come free from the heel loop.

If the heeler ropes his/her horse's front feet, an automatic no time will result.

SECTION 13: HEADER ROPES ANY LEG

Should a header rope a leg of either his/her horse or a steer, he/she is not allowed to fish out the leg.

There will be an automatic no time.

SECTION 14: DROPPED OR BROKEN ROPES

A dropped rope (losing the spoke) that must be recoiled is considered a thrown rope, as does a broken rope, resulting in a no time.

If a roper loses his/her rope on a fixed object in the arena, the team will receive a no time.

SECTION 15 : ARENA CLEAR

Should a header call for a steer before the arena is clear, and the team is subsequently interfered with by the steer or the roper(s) still in the arena, this will not be recognized as interference, and they will not receive a rerun.

SECTION 16: DECLARING A STEER

If a roper is visibly fouled or he/she can visibly see that he/she is or will be fouled, he/she must declare by pulling up or attempting to pull up and not go on with the contest.

If he/she does not declare, he/she accepts the situation the way it is.

SECTION 17: BARRIER/TIMER MALFUNCTION

Should the barrier malfunction at any time during a run, either for or against the team and if the steer is qualified in the field, a rerun may be awarded.

If, for any reason, the timer(s) fail to record a time on a qualified run, that team shall receive a re-run. (SEE SECTION 18)

SECTION 18: RE-RUNS

Re-runs will be granted at the discretion of the flagger.

Any penalties incurred during the original run shall follow the team into the re-run.

Any re-runs will be taken at the end of the round in which it was originally taken.

SECTION 19: ANIMAL ESCAPES HEADGATE

If the gate fails to open, the gateman shall wait for another nod from the header.

If the gateman inadvertently opens the head gate, the header may declare that steer by pulling up and take the next steer in line.

SECTION 20: VISIBLE INJURY

A. In the event a roper is injured during a roping and is unable to continue; there shall be a re-draw from that point forward in the roping.

The injured roper will be reimbursed for the runs not taken.

The members drawn in must pay their entry fees.

B. In the event a ropers horse is injured during a roping, and is unable to continue; the roper has two options.

1.) Borrow a horse
2.) Discontinue with the remaining runs

C. If the roper decides NOT to continue with the balance of their runs; they shall be reimbursed for the runs not taken.

SECTION 21: ARENA/WEATHER CONDITION

Once a roping has begun, every effort shall be made to complete the roping.

However, should the arena conditions deteriorate due to the weather conditions making the ground conditions unsafe for the ropers, their horses or the cattle, the flagger(s), and the Board, in communication with the contestants may decide on a postponement, or cancellation of the roping.

In the event of cancellation or postponement a further decision would have to be made in regards to payout or reimbursement of entry fees.

SECTION 22: SIDE POT

Qualifiers for the side pot will be drawn from those teams that had a no time in the first round.

There will be two (2) teams drawn.

Each team member must have paid the side pot entry fee.

The team(s) will be given three (3) steers.

There will be a thirty (30) second time limit per steer. Penalties do not apply.

The catches must be legal.

The side pot will be conducted in a progressive format. Rope the first steer to get the second etc.

If the first team ropes all three (3) steers the header and heeler will split the pot.

If/when the first team misses a steer, the second team shall begin roping in the same format. However, the pot will be reduced to 50% of the original pot.

If the second team ropes all three (3) steers the header and heeler will split the pot.