

**2012**  
**BERTRAM TEAM PENNING CLUB**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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## **ARTICLE I MISSION**

The Bertram Team Penning Club is organized as a nonprofit body under the laws of the State of Texas to promote and encourage the development of, and the public interest in the sport of Team Penning contests conducted with standardized rules which provide judges, scheduled events, and year end awards. In carrying out our role of providing service to our membership and the sport of Team Penning, we recognize the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public and colleagues with the highest degree of integrity.

Therefore, we have set forth the following creed, which shall govern our endeavors to fulfill our obligations.

- A.** To adhere to the standards of the Bertram Team Penning Club and to work to further its goals and objectives.
- B.** To insure that the welfare of the equine is paramount and that every Team Penning horse shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
- C.** To insure that the welfare of the bovine is paramount and that every Team Penning cattle shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
- D.** To conduct all team penning and related events with integrity, sincerity, and accuracy in an open forthright manner.
- E.** To act with integrity in financial dealings with members and the public.
- F.** To handle all Team Penning and related events in a manner which promotes the highest standard and the image of the Bertram Team Penning Club.
- G.** To instill confidence among members and the public in the sport of Team Penning, avoiding any action conducive to discrediting the sport, or the membership in the Bertram Team Penning Club.

## **ANIMAL WELFARE**

- A.** Every Team Penning horse shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
- B.** All Team Penning Cattle shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
- C.** The standard by which all treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in a generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures or veterinary standards would determine to be cruel abusive or inhumane.
- D.** Humane livestock prods shall be used only on the cattle when necessary, and only on appropriate areas of the animal's body. Prods shall not be used on moist membranes.

## **HUMANE TREATMENT**

- A.** No person shall exhibit any horse, which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly exhausted

**B.** No person on event grounds, including but not limited to, barns, practice and warm up areas and competition arena may treat a horse in an inhumane manner, which includes but is not limited to

1. Placing an object in a horses mouth so as to cause discomfort or distress.
2. Tying a horse as to cause discomfort or distress in a stall, trailer or when riding.
3. Use of inhumane training techniques or methods, poling or striking horse's legs, head or body with objects (poles, wire, whips, fists, and etc.).
4. Use of inhumane equipment, including but not limited to saw tooth bits, flat polo pieces, etc. The judges and the BTPC officers shall have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment or accouterment, which is unsafe, or is their opinion, believed to be inhumane.
5. Intentional inhumane treatment which results in bleeding.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS**

**MANAGEMENT.** The affairs of the club are to be managed by the elected officials who may exercise all powers of the club. Henceforth called the Board of Directors

**MEMBERSHIP.** The Club shall have members as follows:

- A. General Individual Membership-** Person 14 years or older
- B. Family Membership** - 2 or more persons of the same household. Children not to exceed 18 years of age (as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the penning year).
- C. Youth Membership** - One youth member 13 years of age and Under (as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the penning year.).

Dues and fees for the membership categories will be determined annually by the Board of Directors for recommendation to the General Membership.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.** The board has the right to have a closed executive session as deemed necessary by the President or acting President. And shall not be considered a monthly meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING.** Regular meetings of the Bertram Team Penning Club are to be held monthly, at a time and place to be determined by the Board, for the purpose of transacting all business related to the BTPC. All monthly Board meetings are open to the entire membership of the Club.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS.** The President on notice to each Board Member may call special meetings of the Board of Directors, either personally, by mail, or by electronic communication. The President shall call special meetings or Secretary in like manner and on like notice in response to the written

request of any two Board members. Neither the business to be transacted, nor the purpose of any special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting unless required by the Bylaws. Attendance of a Board member at a meeting will constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a Board member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully convened. Special meetings may also be called upon by the written direction of not less than twenty percent of the members in good standing. Said notice, sent by the Secretary, shall state the date, time, place, and purpose of said meeting and shall be given not less than two days nor more than fifty days prior to the date of said meeting. Only such business as is set forth of said meeting shall be transacted at said meeting.

**QUORUM.** A majority of the duly elected officials will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of the majority of the officials present at a meeting, which a quorum is present, will be the act of the entire Board of Directors. If a quorum is not present at a meeting the Directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice other than announcement to the meeting, until a quorum is present.

**NUMBER; QUALIFICATION; TERM.** The Board of Directors will consist of not less than four officials. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who are also members of the Bertram Team Penning Club. The Directors are to be elected yearly prior to the end of the fiscal year. Unless removed in accordance with provisions of these Bylaws, each official will be allowed to hold office for as many terms as he or she is reelected.

**VOTING POWER** All members in good standing will hold one vote. Adult members are entitled to a vote in club deliberations. Children under the age of 14 are not allowed to vote. Only members that are members prior to October 1st are allowed to participate in the election of the Club Directors

**VACANCIES.** Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors (by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise) may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Directors.

**PROCEDURE.** The Board of Directors shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings. The minutes are to be placed in the Minute Book of the Club and are available to any member in good standing for review.

**ACTION WITHOUT MEETING.** Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors. Such consent will have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote at a meeting.

**REMOVAL.** Any Director may be removed with cause at any special or monthly meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a 3/4 majority of the Total Board of Directors. Cause shall include, but not be limited to non-participation in board promoted penning or three consecutive meetings. The officer or director may be removed from the board by an affirmative vote of 3/4 majority of the total board of directors

### **ARTICLE III OFFICERS**

**NUMBER; QUALIFICATIONS,** the Club is to have a President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and

Treasurer. Each of whom is to be elected by the Club members upon the existence of a vacancy or at the end of his or her term.

**TERM.** Unless otherwise specified by the Board, each officer term is from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Such officer shall serve until the end of such person's term or if earlier, such person's death, resignation, or removal.

**REMOVAL; VACANCIES.** Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interest of the Club will be served thereby. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Club (death, resignation, removal, or otherwise) may be filled by the Board of Directors.

**AUTHORITY.** All officers and agents of the Club, as between themselves and the Club, will have such authority and perform such duties in the management of the Club as may be provided in these Bylaws or as may be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

**OFFICERS.** The officers of the Bertram Team Penning Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the General Club Members, and such officers shall hold office for the period of one (1) year from January 1st to December 31st.

**PRESIDENT.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and General Club members monthly meetings. He/she will have general and active management of the business and affairs of the Club, and will see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. The President shall perform such duties and have such other authority and powers and the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

**VICE PRESIDENT.** The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and perform the duties of the President and shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe or as the President may from time to time delegate.

**SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all Monthly general club meetings. He/She will record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in minutes to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and power as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe or as the President may from time to time delegate. The Secretary shall hold all membership records and Team Penning results and records. The secretary shall keep on file for any member in good standing any record or copies of files for review. The secretary shall in update rules and bylaws, points, times ridden and address lists. The secretary shall in general maintain all records for the association and perform as a secretary of the Club

**TREASURER,** The Treasurer will have custody of the Club funds, securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipt and disbursements of the Club and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Club. Such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Club as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and other officers, at the regular meetings or whenever they may require it, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Club. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and the powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe or as the President from time to time delegates. The Treasurer is responsible for timely filing of all tax

filings and reconciling any and all depository and disbursement of accounts for the fiscal year.

## **NON-OFFICER POSITIONS**

**RECORDER** The club may appoint a Recorder or Recorders to assist at events with recording the teams competing, times obtained, teams to return for second round and any other event information needed. Recorder(s) may also be responsible for calculating numbers of rides and charges for each rider as well as collect payment from participants. The club will provide Recorder(s) with all needed equipment and supplies including laptop computer, pen drive disk, change bag with change, ride sheets, registration sheets, pens, etc.

## **ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES.** The officers or Board of Directors from time to time may create and empower other committees, general or special.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES.** The president as needed may appoint ad Hoc Committees.

## **ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**FISCAL YEAR** The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.

**CHECKS AND NOTES; BOOKS AND RECORDS.** All checks or demands for money and notes of the Club are to be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

**RESIGNATION.** Any Club, Officer, or agent may resign by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary. Any such resignation will become effective at the time specified therein or immediately if no time is specified therein.

**AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.** These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at such meeting (provided that notice of the proposed alteration, amendment, or repeal is contained in the notice of a meeting at least 30 days prior to said meeting.) A rule may become immediately effective if a unanimous decision is made with a minimum of 75 percent of the members present at the meeting.

**PROTEST.** Any member in good standing may file a formal noncompetitive protest (i.e. not involving Judges or Arena Directors decisions) by submitting in writing to the Secretary of the BTPC. The protest will be read and acted upon, if needed, at the next monthly meeting of the officers. A reply will be mailed back to the member within 3 working days after the meeting. Or by notifying the Secretary in advance, any member may appear in person to file his complaint.

## **MEMBERS.**

- A. Any member of BTPC may be removed or suspended by the Board of Directors with a 3/4 decision.
- B. Suspended and/or fined by a majority decision by the board of directors whenever it's in the interest of the club.
- C. See Provision under Article II,

## **RATING**

- A. Membership is NOT mandatory to participate in a BTPC show and nonmembers may compete for day prizes. Nonmembers however, may NOT compete for series prizes or end of year awards
- B. A penner wishing to join at a BTPC show will be given a temporary rating by the Rating Committee members present.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **PENNING REQUIREMENTS**

#### **RIDING CLASSES,**

**OPEN CLASS** will consist of 3 riders of any rating.

**#8 CLASS** will consist of teams with no more than a total rating of #8.

**#5 CLASS**- will consist of teams with no more than a total rating of #5.

**#3 CLASS** will consist of only #1, student and/or youth rated riders.

**STUDENT CLASS** Will consist of riders from the age of 14 to 18.

#### **YOUTH CLASS**

This Division includes those competitors 13 years of age and under as of Jan. 1 of the penning year. The team will consist of 1 youth rider and 2 adult/student riders or 2 youth riders with 1 adult/student rider. Adult/student riders will not be allowed to enter the herd and the adult/student members will not pay an entry fee. To call for time, the Youth (not Adult/student) rider must stand in the gate and raise his or her hand for the flag..

#### **RATING DEFINITIONS**

- A. **(#1)**- Beginning rider learning to pen and has never won a Champion or Reserve Champion award.
- B. **(#2)**- Has reasonable horsemanship and cattle skills and has won a #3 or greater Champion or Reserve Champion award.
- C. **(#3)**- An experienced rider and penner with above average horsemanship and cattle reading skills and has received a #5 or greater champion or reserve champion award.

D. **(STUDENT)** - A rider from the age of 14 to 18.

E. **(YOUTH)** - Riders from age 13 and under.

A rider who rides or has ridden with a team penning club other than BTPC will start with the same ranking as they achieved and competed at with other club(s).

NOTE. A rider can only progress one rating per year. Youth and Student riders will keep their rating until they reach their maximum age or **any youth to earn the points to win a saddle for the year end will be moved up to the Student Division for the next year.**

**PENNING YEAR** The penning year will be determined by the board of directors. BTPC will hold a minimum of ten(10) and a maximum of twenty (20) pennings per year.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES.**

- \* **Family- \$50.00 annually**
- \* **Early Family \$40 annually (Before the first weekend of April)**
- \* **Individual \$30.00 annually**
- \* **Early Individual \$25.00 annually (Before the first weekend of April)**
- \* **Youth- \$10.00 annually**

#### **GENERAL**

1. All pennings will be governed by BTPC rules and bylaws.
2. Two Directors of BTPC must be present at all times
3. Penners entering more than once in every division must change one rider on each team.
4. All riders will have a "4 Ride limit entry" per class.
5. Club secretary, recorder or other officer must have books open one hour before penning start time.
6. Any outstanding debt owed to the BTPC for any event must be paid before participation in any additional BTPC events.

#### **PRACTICES**

Practices will be held on the 1st weekend of every month (*except where holidays or other activities coincide, ie July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009*). Practices are open to all riders with no regard whether they are members or not.

1. Members that bring a new person to a practice, both the new person and the member will receive 3 rides at ½ price per run.
2. Secretary, recorder or other officer must have books open one hour before penning start time.
3. Any outstanding debt owed to the BTPC for any event, must be paid before participation in any additional BTPC events.

#### **SPRING SUMMER AND FALL SERIES**

Spring Summer and Fall series will be held on the 3rd weekend of the month. All series are open to all riders, members or not (if not a member points will not be awarded).

1. Nonmembers will be eligible to ride for day prizes, but will NOT be eligible to ride for end of series and year end awards

2. BTPC Spring, Summer and Fall Series will consist of Youth, Student #3, #5, #8 and Open classes.
3. There will be 1 full round and a short round. Only the top 10 or top 50%, which ever is greater, will go to the second round (*with the exception of the Youth. The youth will have only one round.*) Time will be accumulated from both Rounds to determine the top 10 for the day.
4. Fast time team in each class will receive 1 point per rider
5. Only the top 10 riders in each class will be pointed
6. At the end of each series the top 3 riders in each class will receive the award for the series.
7. Points in each series will return to 0 at the end of each series.
8. Points in each series will be carried over to the end of the year and will determine year end awards.

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3. Penners entering more than once in every division must change one rider on each team.
4. All riders will have a "4 Ride limit entry" per class.
5. Arena secretary, recorder or other officer must have books open one hour before penning start time.
6. Any outstanding debt owed to the BTPC for any event must, be paid before participation in any additional BTPC events.
7. The total points for the series, will go towards individual high point winner. If, after each series, there is a tie, each tied rider shall choose qualified riders to make up a team and shall run off the tie. The run off will be one run, and have choice of appropriate awards. In the event that cows are not available, a coin toss may be used to determine the winner in place of a run off.
8. The total points for the year, will go towards individual high point winner. If there is a tie, each penner shall choose qualified penners and these teams shall run off the tie. The run off will be one run, and have choice of appropriate awards. Upon agreement of all parties involved, a coin toss may be used to determine the winner.

### **BTPC POINT SYSTEM**

Points will be given to the top 10 team members riding in the short go round in all divisions.  
*(Except Youth. The Youth will be pointed after the first round)*

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place  | 10 points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place  | 9 points  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place  | 8 points  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place  | 7 points  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> place  | 6 points  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> place  | 5 points  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> place  | 4 points  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> place  | 3 points  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> place  | 2 points  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> place | 1 points  |

1 point for fast time in each class for each rider on the team.

**Bertram Team Penning Club Rules**  
**(Revised as of February 2011)**

1. The amount of the entry fees for the 2011 year will be as follows:

**PRACTICE**

- A. Adult rides will be \$6.00 each per rider per run for Members and \$8.00 each per rider per run for Nonmembers.
- B. Youth rides will be \$3.00 each ride for the youth cutting and penning who are Members and \$5.00 each ride for the youth cutting and penning who are Nonmembers
- C. Members that bring a guest rider will receive 3 half priced rides for both the member and the guest.

**SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL SERIES**

- A. All rides will be \$12.00 each per rider per team for Members and \$16.00 each per rider per team for nonmembers.
  - B. All rides for youth will be \$6.00 each ride, the youth is the one cutting and penning who is a members and \$7.00 each ride the youth is the one cutting and penning who is a nonmember
  - C. Any other rider that rides on a youth team will ride for free, only the youth cutting and penning will be accountable for their fee
- These fees are subject to change.
- D. All Riders must compete in a minimum of 50% of the years competitions in order to be eligible for "End of Year Awards." This is not counted towards the "Series Awards."

2. For all series events and finals, books will open by 1 hour prior to start and will close 1 exactly one hour after start. No one will be allowed to enter after books close.
3. Within a 75.00 or less second time limit, a team must cut out from the herd and pen 3 head of cattle (or as many cattle as possible) with the assigned identical number. The fastest time wins! A warning may be given to the team working the cattle at 30 seconds prior to final time being called, however if a 30 second warning is given to one team, it must be given to all teams in that class.
4. In the event a warning is not given, a rerun may be given at the end of that set of cattle or the end of that go, whichever occurs first using the same numbered cattle.

5. The Youth class will have a 90.00 - second time limit.
6. The running order for the final go in all divisions shall be determined by random manual or electronic draw, dependant upon availability.
7. If, for any reason a team does not show, after the order of go has been drawn, their cattle number will be drawn to avoid changing the order of go to the other contestants.
8. If a person or persons signs up with the same team more than once in a class, and the error isn't discovered until after the event, all scores for that team will be given a "NO TIME" and all points accrued, if any will be forfeited
9. A rider riding over the 4 ride limit per class will be disqualified. The rider will be disqualified for that night only in the class that they were over. The disqualification is for the rider that was over only. Their team members that didn't go over the ride limit will retain their times/points. There will be no refund of rides paid for.
10. If a team runs out of order in which they are called, then the team or teams may be disqualified.
11. No rider substitutions will be allowed after a team has made their first run with the exception of injury to a rider with approval of the arena director(s). If one or more team members can not complete a penning, the remaining team member or members may elect to finish their remaining runs by themselves. No riderless horses may be brought into said working arena at said time a run begins.
12. In the event a team is given a number that has already been used within a given herd, a rerun must be given immediately using the correct number within the same herd. Should the error be discovered after their herd has been removed from the arena, then the rerun will be given at the end of the next herd.
13. In the event a mechanical or official error, the participating team gets a reride at the end of that set of cattle or at the end of the go round whichever comes first
14. All cattle will be bunched on the cattle side of the starting line before the time begins. The judge will raise the flag to signal when arena is ready. Contestants will be given their cattle penning number when the judge drops his or her flag as the nose of the first horse crosses the starting line.
15. A team has 30 seconds to be in the arena after the judge raises his or her flag indicating the cattle are settled. At the end of the 30 seconds, the flags drops, the herd holders will be coming out and no one else can enter the arena once the gate is closed. The gate is considered closed when the herd holders leave the arena.
16. A team may pull up before committing to the cattle. Once committed to the cattle, a team is completely responsible for their animals. It is the team's responsibility before working the cattle to pull up and call for a judge, if in their opinion, there is an unfit,

injured, unidentified, or unusable animal in their numbered cattle. In the event a team does pull, the arena director must choose 3 qualified penners to form a team that ride in that division and within a 75.00 second time must pen the three head in question. If the cattle are able to be penned, a 30.00 second penalty will be assessed to the team protesting except in the Youth division. Once the cattle are worked, no excuses are accepted.

- If an animal leaves the arena, either through or over the fence, the team can either be disqualified for unnecessary roughness, time can be given on their remaining cattle, or be given a rerun, depending upon the judge's decision. If a rerun is given, it must be given at the end of that set of cattle.
- If more than one rerun is given in any go round, they will be taken in order of occurrence.

17. To call for time, one rider must stand in the gate and raise his or her hand for the flag. Exception: Youth class, to call for time a Youth rider must stand in the gate and raise his or her hand. Flag will drop when the nose of the first horse enters the gate and the rider calls for time. Time will not be called until the **nose of the horse** enters the gate. Any other part of the horse and/or any body parts of the rider do not count for calling time. Riders shall not enter more than the shoulders of the horse into the gate. More than the shoulders of the horse in the gate, the run shall be considered a "no time" However, time continues until the entire body of all unpenned cattle are on cattle side of starting line. In the event an animal escapes from the pen after time has been called for, but prior to the time the entire body of the unpenned cattle are on the cattle side of the foul line, the team will be judged a "no time".

In the event the rider calls for time before the cattle have completely entered the pen or are partially exiting the pen, the team will be judged a "no time". The cattle must be completely in the pen before the flag is dropped and time can be given.

**Definition of escaped animal- is one with any part of the animal out of the pen.**

18. A team may call for time with only one or two assigned cattle penned. However, a team penning 3 head of cattle places higher than one or two, regardless of time. In a multiple go round contest, in the event that a team pens their cattle in only one go round, the fastest time wins, regardless of which go round. Also, in a multiple go round contest, teams that pen in each go round will beat teams that fail to pen in a go round, regardless of the number of cattle penned or time.
19. In the event of a tie affecting the placings, each team will be allowed to pen three animals. Fastest time and most cattle breaks the tie. If no cattle are available a coin toss will be used.
20. A team calling for time with any wrong numbered cattle in the pen will be judged a "no time".
21. If **more than 4** head of cattle are brought across the foul line, the team will be judged a "no time". This applies when any part of 5 cattle have crossed the foul line. For instance: if 5 cattle are standing on the cattle side of the foul line with their noses crossing the foul line to the pen

side— a no time is called.

22. All cattle must be worked on horseback. No cattle can be worked on foot. Cattle worked on foot will judged a "no time".
23. Contact with hands, feet, hats, ropes, bats, romals or any other equipment is a "no time". No hazing with whips, hats, or ropes will be allowed. Romals or reins may be swung or popped on horse or chaps.
24. A team will be disqualified by the judge for any action he or she feels to be excessive roughness to the cattle.

In the event of roughing the cattle, if as deemed necessary by the judge's opinion, excessive abuse of the cattle, i.e. tailing or bulldogging, the said rider is immediately disqualified from the days event, assessed a \$50.00 fine, and suspended from further sanctioned pennings until said fine is paid.

25. There will be no disputes .**Decisions made by the judges are FINAL !!!**

**At no time can a rider talk to a judge except for clarification of a call. If a rider has a question, he or she can call for an arena director.**

26. All contestants must wear: western hat or no hat. Ball caps or women's caps will be allowed only if the authorized BTPC logo is properly sewn into the front of the cap. Western style Boots, long sleeve shirt (*sleeves down and buttoned*) or a short sleeved shirt. T-shirts are allowed as long as the printing on them are in good taste. Full length pants only. Shirts will be waist length. Sleeveless shirts will be authorized only if they cover the entire shoulder area. No "spaghetti straps" or tank tops with thin shoulder straps. NO TENNIS SHOES, The only exceptions are changes that may be approved by the board of directors including but not limited to BTPC approved protective gear that may enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the rider. In the event a contestant has a mishap during the penning and a button or snap is torn off or broken, this is not to be an infraction of the dress code.

In the case of an infraction:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense-warning.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense-\$10.00 fine
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense-\$25.00 fine

**The rider will not be able to compete in any further go-rounds until the fine is paid.**

27. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.**

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Spotting cattle by anyone not on the team in the arena.
- Purposely pushing the entire herd down the arena.

- Driving the cattle into the end of the catch pen
- Working cattle after time is called.
- Refusing to hold herd for the next team.
- Loud and excessive use of profanity

In the case of an infraction:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense- \$25.00 fine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense-\$50.00 fine
- A fine of \$50.00 for all offenses thereafter.

**The penner will not be allowed to compete in further go-rounds or pennings until fines are paid.**

28. Safety: Control of animals and children will be maintained at all times to protect the health, safety, and welfare of participants, spectators, horses, and livestock. Therefore no dogs or uncounted personnel allowed in the rider staging area
29. Riders must leave the entrance alley and gate area clear.
30. If there is any judge harassment the following will apply:
- 1<sup>st</sup> offense- warning and notification of arena director
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- \$25.00 fine, disqualification, and no points awarded for that day.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense- \$50.00 fine disqualification, and no points awarded for that day.  
*(double the fine and penalty thereafter).*

**At no time can a rider talk to a judge except for clarification of a call. If a rider has a question, he or she can call for an arena director.**

31. If there is any harassment of an official working on behalf of the Club, the following will occur:
- 1<sup>st</sup> offense- warning and notification of arena director
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- \$25.00 fine, disqualification, and no points awarded for that day.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense- \$50.00 fine, disqualification, and no points awarded for that day.  
*(double the fine and penalty thereafter).*
32. No one will be allowed to enter the announcer booth other than announcer and timekeeper or the day secretary's area other than the secretary, recorder, day secretaries, or other elected officers of the BTPC.
33. Physical violence or abuse toward any board member or any person acting in an official capacity on behalf of BTPC will not be tolerated. Said offender will be fined based upon the severity and membership will be revoked, effective immediately.
34. Carrying a weapon, loud, abusive, and profane language used in a confrontational situation or physical violence of any kind will not be tolerated.. Individuals involved will be subject to fines, suspension, and / or probation to be determined by the board of directors for each specific incident.

35. **ABSOLUTLEY NO ALCOHOL !!!!!**

**The Arena director or Assistant director and/or judges may assess the fines.**

Non-payment will constitute cause for revocation of membership and any and all awards may be due to rider.

**All fines must be paid prior to next scheduled sanctioned penning.**

All fines levied will go to BTPC.

**All rules to be effective immediately!**

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