

# California Rules Addendum to the American Cowboys Team Roping Association 2023-2025

## 1. Membership and Finances

California Membership's yearly closing date will be determined by the National Board. July 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day to purchase a membership for that respective year. Ropers wishing to join and attend ACTRA members only ropings on or after August 1<sup>st</sup> may purchase a membership for the next roping year. Such ropers will NOT be eligible to attend that current year's State Finals or National Finals. No points earned from the date of joining through Monday of Labor Day Weekend for that year would count for either the current roping year or the next year and the roper would NOT be eligible for any year end awards for that current roping year. Roper's points and qualifications would begin for the next year the day after points end for the present season as discussed in Section 6.

## 2. ACTRA Membership

(a) All roping memberships will be **Premier Memberships**. A Premier Membership will cost \$80 and is due/begins on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and ends-October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Day Passes** may be allowed by arena operators and producers upon Board approval. Day Passes cost \$20. Any roper who resides in a state where they don't have an ACTRA chapter may buy a day pass at any California ACTRA roping.

(b) To apply for a **Double Number** or second classification number, there is no additional cost.

(c) **Silver Card Holders** are members with five previous consecutive years in good standing, plus at least five more for a total of 10 or more. They will receive check writing privileges at their Chapter and National Finals. If at any time a Silver Card Holder is put on the ineligible list, they will be returned to Premier Membership status until after restitution and payment of any penalties. They will be reinstated as Silver Card Holders after having been Premier Members in good standing for one year after reinstatement.

(d) **Gold Card Holders** are members with twenty consecutive years of membership in good standing or more. They will receive an invitation to rope in the Director's Roping at the Chapter & National Finals, as well as, check writing privileges at their Chapter Finals and National Finals. If at any time a Gold Card Holder is put on the ineligible list, they will be reinstated to Premier Membership status after restitution of any penalties. The Gold Card status can be reinstated by petitioning the National Board.

(e) **Platinum Members** are members 75 years of age or older, they will receive all the benefits provided to Gold Card Holders and free annual membership to ACTRA with an annual application.

(f) **Diamond Members** are members chosen by special award from the National Board. Diamond Card Holders will receive all of the benefits provided to Gold Card Holders, plus free lifetime membership to ACTRA. They are allowed to rope at any Chapter Finals and the National Finals, including the Director Roping without

qualification; they will receive a buckle, a certificate and one free stall during the National Finals.

**3. Family Memberships** are available at \$160; this covers the first 2 members and additional children less than 18 years of age that are still living at home of which there will be no additional charge. All adults (over 18 years of age) must pay \$80.

## 4. Roping Fees

**(a)** These fees are to be collected before any other money is taken from the roping pot. 2-10 teams, one dollar per paid team. 11 teams and up: one team's entry fee including cattle charge (added money), Not to exceed \$100 per team, then one dollar per paid team entered in roping.

**(b)** The roping fees and results are to be sent to the secretary within 7 days. Failure to do so could result in a \$100 fine.

**(c)** The secretary/treasurer of California shall be paid on a contractual basis. If it is determined by the Chapter Board that the secretary's office load merits it, the secretary may hire office help and the Chapter will pay the hourly wage required for such.

## 5. Scholarship Fund

One dollar of each California paid membership will be put into a separate California Scholarship Fund.

## 6. Qualification & Points

**(a)** Qualification ropings and points will start for Members for the next season, the day after the points end for the present season to qualify for the Chapter Finals as long as the roper joins or re-joins before the start of the new season, November 1st. If they do not join or rejoin their points and qualifying ropings will not start until the actual day they do join.

**(b)** Suggested Chapter point payoff schedules are:

2 to 5 teams – 1 place in average

6 to 10 teams – 1 place in go and 1 place in average

11 to 20 teams – 1 place in go and 2 places in average

21 to 30 teams – 1 place in go and 3 places in average

31 to 40 teams – 1 place in go and 4 places in average

41 to 50 teams – 2 places in go and 5 places in average

51 teams and up – Points should be given to all places paid. In no case should points be given beyond the number of actual places paid. If less than 10 teams in an average, winners will get 10 points per team entered. If 6 to 10 teams go round winners gets 5 points per team entered.

This chart is suggested for points only, and is not a money payoff schedule.

**(c)** Chapter point systems to qualify members for chapter year end awards are as follows.

**a.** Points will be awarded at the Chapter Board's Discretion.

previously approved for special consideration.

**b.** Suggested system

- In the average
- 1<sup>st</sup> = 100 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = 90 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> = 80 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> = 70 points on down to 10 points for 10th place
- In the go-rounds
- 1<sup>st</sup> = 20 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = 18 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> = 16 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> = 14 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> = 12 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> = 10 points

Add one point per team except with 10 teams or less, and then 5 points per team for first; if 6 to 10 teams then 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup>.

**c.** In all ropings, one go-round does not constitute an average. Two or more go-rounds with their times combined, constitute an average. One go-round ropings will count for go-round points only

**d.** Members can win points with a non-member in ACTRA sanctioned ropings that are open to non-members that the Board has

**(d)** To be qualified for and rope in the California ACTRA Chapter Finals, a member must have roped in at least (10) "Premier Member Only" ropings. Other Chapter qualification ropings will count as a qualifying roping in California.

**(e)** A Member must attempt to rope in a roping for it to be counted as a qualification for the Chapter Finals. A roper cannot enter and then turnout for it to be considered a qualification.

**(f)** A Member 70 years of age with 10 years of membership must attend a minimum of 5 Premier Only Ropings to be qualified for the Chapter Finals.

**(g)** Points from other Chapters will count provided they are ACTRA, and member doesn't have a dual Chapter Membership. You are responsible for getting your points sent to the California Secretary within 7 days of that roping, provided they are ACTRA Member Arenas. Each member can count 3 qualifying ropings from another Chapter, provided it is reported to the Chapter Secretary within 7 days of the roping. It is the roper's responsibility to make sure this information is sent.

**(h)** All Members roping in a "Premier Member Only" roping will get 50 points bonus for the day at each sanctioned arena, whether they place or not that day.

**(i)** Any person roping in a "Premier Member Only" or Members Only pot that is not a current member may be fined \$80 and be required to pay back any money won plus any awards.

(j) The number classification divisions for the California Chapter year end standings for both year end awards and Finals qualifications will be: #1=Division 1, #1.5=Division 2, #2=Division 3, #2.5=Division 4. #3&3.5= Division 5 #4&above = Division 6

(k) **All ACTRA Arenas may hold one double point roping or roping day per year, where 50% of the net proceeds (not to exceed \$1,000) will be sent to the California office to be shared 50/50 between the Catastrophe and Scholarship Funds.**

## 7. ACTRA Year End Program

(a) Qualification points for the California Finals and Year End Awards will be carried thru Monday of Labor Day weekend. If a roper is not present they have 30 days to make arrangements to pick up their award. If they fail to make arrangements, awards will be put into the Catastrophe Fund Auction.

(b) The member with the most points in each of the regions and number divisions will win a year end Award. The Year End Division Champions will be determined by the ropers with the most points thru Labor Day weekend. The Year-End Awards will be presented at the Chapter Finals or the National Finals Qualifiers.

(c) **All Year End Winners must be qualified to rope at the Chapter Finals in order to receive a Year-End Award.**

## 8. Arena Operators and Producers

(a) An Arena will be defined & approved by the Chapter Board.

(b) **An Arena Operator may not produce any other roping associations that utilizes a numbering handicap system on the same day when using the ACTRA handicapped system.**

### 9. Arena Reporting Requirements

(a) All ACTRA ropings in California must be advertised in Ropers Sports News and on the ACTRA website.

(b) The Arena Operator must advertise in Ropers Sports News and on the ACTRA website cattle charge, number of teams taken out for awards, and incorporate the ACTRA logo in all of their advertisements. Brand names of awards must be included. In order for points to count in extra ropings it must be stated in your advertisement (extra ropings time permitting).

(c) The handicap structure of a roping must be listed in the ad. (ex: 0.5 second per half number-down only OR 1 second/half number-up and down etc.).

## 10. Arena Advertising

**(a)** For any California Member Arena to change the time of an advertised roping they must notify Ropers Sports News and the ACTRA webmaster 1 week before the change or contact the California Secretary for authorization, or points of the roping will not count.

## 11. Rules

**(a)** Any member that knowingly commits any act that is considered to be detrimental to the Association as determined by the National or Chapter Board or any member that is involved in a physical or verbal altercation may be fined and have his membership revoked. He could be listed on the ineligible list indefinitely.

**(b)** The California Chapter will be separated into 6 regions. It will be at the Board's discretion to accept any arena memberships.

**(c)** All fines levied at the California Chapter level will be put into whatever accounts the Board chooses.

**(d)** The Chapter cattle committee will take bids for a cattle manager who will be responsible for providing the best set of cattle for the Chapter Finals.

### 12. Number Committee

**(a)** The California Number Committee has the power to change a roper's classification during the year and at the Chapter Finals. If a roper is taken out of a roping at the Chapter Finals, his or her partner will have the option of finding another partner or getting their entry fee back. During the

year, if a roper requests his or her own number to be reviewed for change, they must contact a Director or Arena Operator and have their support.

**(b)** If a roper's number division or region is changed after June 1<sup>st</sup>, points will stay in the division and region in which the roper was moved out of, until the year end points cut off.

**(c)** If a roper's number needs to be reviewed, it must be submitted to the secretary's office by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Ballots sent out by 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Ballots close on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:00 & results are effective on the following Monday of each month. This does not mean your number cannot be changed at the Chapter Finals if deemed necessary.

## 13. Ineligibility

**(a)** When a member is put on the ineligible list for any reason more than one time during the current year and/or remains on the list for more than 60 days, the member shall not be allowed to enter the current year's Chapter Finals.

## 14. Chapter Finals Awards

**(a)** All year-end awards will be equal in all the divisions.

**(b)** All Chapter Final award winners must be present to accept their awards at the award ceremony unless they have someone to

pick them up. If awards are not picked up within 30 days they will be put in next year's Catastrophe Fund Auction.

## 15. Directors, Officers & Meetings

(a) It is mandatory for a member in good standing with ACTRA for 3 consecutive years before being nominated for elective office of their chapter. It is also mandatory for a person to be on the Chapter Board of Directors for at least 2 full years before they can be elected to Chapter President.

(b) The Chapter Board of Directors has the power to administer the affairs of the Chapter (make decisions, levy fines, establish Chapter rules, etc.) consistent with ACTRA National rules.

(c) The Chapter Board of Directors has set the number of directors needed for the board for the following years to be 1 director per each 75 Members in each region and 1 alternate form each region. Those directors will serve a 2-year term.

(d) The California Chapter Director election procedure is: Nominations for available director positions must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

(e) The secretary will verify nominations and make up ballots to be sent out electronically and have in person at each of the State Finals.

(f) Ballots are to be returned back to the Secretary's office or brought to the Chapter Finals to be cast and counted.

(g) The member's name and card number will be verified on each ballot at the Chapter Finals. Members may vote for directors in their own region only. The results will be announced at the Chapter Finals. New officers will be elected at the October meeting.

(h) Any director that misses 3 board meetings could be removed from office if the board feels the absences are unexcused.

(i) If a region does not have a director nominated and elected, the Chapter Board will have the power to appoint a director.

**(j) Anyone who owns or is the primary operating person of any other roping association or club that uses a numbering handicapping system cannot be elected to the California Chapter Board**

## 16. State Finals Ground Rules

1. One loop at each end. 3 legal head catches: around the neck, around

the horns or half head (around the whole head minus 1 horn). A bridle catch will be considered illegal.

2. All headers at the California Chapter Finals must stay dallied as they face, and ropes be tight to receive a flag.
3. All women heelers may tie on at the Chapter Finals.
4. Heelers 50 years of age may tie on.
5. If a rope is caught on any moving part of the barrier or chute, the team will get a clean steer at the end of the go.
6. Crossfire – the heel loop cannot come in contact with the steer's legs until both of the following happen - the header has control of the steer's head and the steer's hips have changed. Even if the steer stops, slows down or drifts toward the header, the two above directives must still be observed.
7. When the steer crosses the line, he is considered yours unless you declare a broken horn and not throw your head loop and the horn is in fact, broken. If the horn is not broken, it will be considered a no time. If a steer falls down before he crosses the line, you will get a clean steer at the end of the go or rotation.

**(a) The flagger has the discretion to award another steer if he feels the team did not have a fair opportunity to compete.**

8. Any malfunction of the clocks or barrier will get you a clean steer at the end of the go or rotation.
9. If the flagger says of his own accord, he made a mistake; the team will get a clean steer at the end of the go or rotation.

10. Any questions about a time or flag have to be settled before the next team ropes.
11. There will be no interference calls. It is the team's responsibility to have the arena cleared before they call for a steer.
12. If a steer gets turned out in the high teams and the line judge/flagger says the header did not call for the steer, then a number from one to ten will be drawn by the timers and that many steers will be turned out and the team will have to rope the next steer in the chute. If the line judge says the header did call for the steer, then it will be a NO time! If a steer is turned out in any goes other than the high teams without the header calling for it, then the team will run at the end of the go or rotation. **If a steer falls down before he starts the clock, the team will get another steer with no penalties.**
13. Any arena flagger or line judge's decision is final.
14. Any abuse of horses or steers at the Finals will be a no time and/or disqualification from the Finals. Any unsportsmanlike behavior or language may result in the same action. Flagger's decision or director's decision is final.
15. There will be a dress code strictly enforced at the Chapter Finals and the awards ceremonies also. Short or long sleeve shirts with collars, western jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat or no hat. Failure to adhere to the dress code will mean disqualification.
16. You do not have to be present to receive awards, but ropers must

make arrangements within 30 days  
to pick them up.

17. A broken barrier is a 5 second  
penalty.