



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



8.22.3706 CONDUCT OF MATCH BRONC RIDES

- (1) The announcer will announce the names of both horse and rider several times prior to the ride.
- (2) Once the horse leaves the chute all rodeo rules pertaining to saddle horse bronc riding will be in force, including mark-out and qualified ride.
- (3) A qualified ride shall consist of eight seconds and be determined by the official timer.
- (4) The four judges shall independently, without consulting with one another, score the contest should the full eight seconds or qualified ride be made.
- (5) Decisions of the judges will be final. Any judge, however, who does not perform the judge's duties in compliance with these rules, or who otherwise abuses the judge's position, will be subject to disciplinary action by the board.
- (6) Disqualifications may be made by the judges for the rider failing to mark the horse out or for touching the animal with the free hand at any point during the eight second ride. The reason for such disqualification shall be reported to the announcer who will in turn inform the audience.
- (7) All rides shall be timed for eight seconds, that time to start when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute gate. All riders must complete the eight second qualification limit to be eligible for a score.
- (8) Scoring will be done as follows:
 - (a) The four judges shall individually score each horse and rider.
 - (b) The four scores will then be reported to the rodeo secretary, who will, in consultation with the stewards, average the scores for a final total score.
 - (c) Judges will record, in writing, each score for each qualified ride and submit the score to the rodeo secretary immediately after each successful ride. The official score will be determined from the submissions from the judges and compilation by the rodeo secretary, and will be made official by the stewards before being announced to the audience.
- (9) For each race or section, qualified scores are to be recorded by the rodeo secretary, and verified and made official by the stewards. No changes may be made to the scores after they are made official. At the completion of each section or race, the steward shall notify the parimutuel official as to the official order of finish. The top four scores shall be posted as first, second, third, and fourth places for wagering calculation and payout purposes.
- (10) All scores of qualified rides shall be announced without delay. Any change in score announced must be approved by the stewards. The announcer must announce accurately the information received from the judges, compiled by the rodeo secretary, and approved by the stewards.

- (11) After the completion of both sections of the long-go, the rodeo secretary, in consultation with the stewards, shall without delay compile a list of up to ten of the top scores. These ten individuals shall be deemed qualified to enter the championship round or short-go. If one of the ten qualifiers is unable to compete due to injury or withdrawal, the next highest scoring qualifier shall advance to the championship round. Should fewer than ten riders qualify for the short-go championship, the number of betting entries for the short-go round shall be adjusted accordingly.
- (12) Under the supervision of the judges and stewards while in the arena, the top-scoring long-go riders shall draw for mounts to be ridden in the championship round or short-go from the short-go reserved horses list. The announcer shall announce to the public all mounts drawn and by whom with reference to the horse entry numbers on the list of short-go mounts and their numbers already listed in the program. The tote reader board shall also show the numbers and match names. Numbers and matches shall also be conspicuously posted at all parimutuel locations.
- (13) If the judges determine a rider is eligible for a reride, the entry will be considered a scratch for parimutuel wagering payout calculations.
- (14) All parimutuel wagers must be made prior to the first horse leaving the chute in each section of the long-go and prior to the first horse leaving the chute in the championship short-go round.

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