

# BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH TEXAS TEAM PENNING ASSOCIATION

2006

## ARTICLE I

### Title, Objective, Location

**Section 1. Title:** This Association shall be known as North Texas Team Penning Association (“NTTPA”) and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all such rights as granted to associations of this kind.

**Section 2. Objective:** The purpose of NTTPA shall be 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 finals and awards where the central focus will be family-oriented team penning including community service or charitable organizations.

**Section 3. Place of business:** The principal place of business shall be Lewisville, Denton County, Texas, but its members or officers may be residents of any state, territory or country, and business may be carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials, as may be participating. The mailing address shall be NTTPA, P. O. Box 295160, Lewisville, TX 75029

**Section 4. Fiscal year and Seal:** The fiscal year of NTTPA shall begin on the first day of December and end of the last day of November of each year. The association shall be incorporated and a seal obtained thereof.

## ARTICLE II

### MEMBERS

**Section 1.** The Association shall have members and membership fees as follows:

General Individual Membership:	\$40.00
Family Membership:	\$50.00
Youth Membership:	\$20.00

Family membership includes members 17 years and under. Members of NTTPA will be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Executive Committee may, from time-to-time, adopt. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

**1a.** Annual membership runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>.

All riders not members of NTPA must pay a day fee of \$10.00 per sanction penning. Said fee will go to the Association. All non-members will be rated the highest rating.

**Section 2.** There will be at least one (1) meeting per year of the members and shall be held at such time and place as may be established by the Executive Committee for the purpose of electing officers and directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The monthly newsletter will function as the official notice for the meetings, team penning results, year-end standings, forms, ballots, or other material to be provided to members or Executive Committee members of the NTPA pursuant to these By-Laws. If published in the newsletter, said material shall be deemed delivered when issue containing same shall be deposited in the United States mail, address to said member, Officer, or Director at the address appearing in the records of the NTPA, postage pre-paid. It is the Member's responsibility to keep a current address with NTPA.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice, whenever called in by writing by direction of the President, Secretary or by a majority of the Executive Committee, or by notice signed by not less than 20% of the members then in good standing.

Notice of each special meeting, indicating briefly the object or objects thereof, shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of the annual meeting.

**Section 4.** At any meeting of the members, held in accordance with the foregoing provisions as to notice, the members attending such meeting shall constitute a quorum for all purposes unless law should require the representation of a larger number. To exercise voting privileges, a member must be physically present at a meeting, which privilege cannot be delegated by proxy. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee's monthly meetings; however, any member wishing to address the Executive Committee must give to the Secretary a written request to be included on the agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee.

**Section 5.** Any officer of the NTPA may call the meeting of the members to order and may act as chairman of such meeting, precedence being given as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. In the absence of all such officers, members present may elect a chairman. In the absence of the Secretary, the Officers and Directors may appoint any person to act as Secretary of the meeting.

**Section 6.** Whenever in these Rules and By-Laws the term member of members shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member or members having the right to vote.

## ARTICLE III

## **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** The business and property of NTPPA shall be managed and controlled by the Executive Committee hereinafter created and empowered.

The number of elected Officers and Directors will consist of not less than four (4) Officers and ten (10) Directors. The number of elected Officers and Directors shall be determined annually by the Executive Committee for recommendation to the members for ratification, such Officers and Directors shall hold office for the period of one (1) year and until their successors are elected and qualified, with the exception of the first year (1994) of the incorporation, whereas the term of office shall be not less than one (1) year nor more than two (2) years, allowing for continuity in establishing NTPPA, or as suggested by the Officers and Directors with ratification by the general membership.

**Section 2.** The regular monthly meeting date for the Executive Committee shall be set in the meeting prior to the month in which it is to be held. An affirmative consent of a majority of the Executive Committee present shall constitute confirmation of the date.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held whenever called by the President or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall give notice of each special meeting by mailing or telephoning the same to each Officer and Director at least seven (7) days before the meeting, but such notice may be waived by any Director or Officer. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting.

Any meeting at which a majority of Officers and Directors may be present, even though without any notice, any business may be transacted.

**Section 4.** A majority of the number of Officers and Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of business, but if at any meeting there may be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time-to-time until a quorum shall be present. (Majority is defined as over half of the number of Officers and Directors (or members present.)

**Section 5.** At the first regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee, the Officers and/or Directors who shall be responsible for the execution of written contracts on behalf of NTPPA shall be appointed.

**Section 6.** At the meeting of the Officers and Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as follows:

Order of Business:  
Call meeting to order  
Read and approve minutes  
Statement of Treasurer  
Read communications  
Reports and their disposal  
Board of Directors  
Standing Committees

Special Committees (if any)  
Unfinished business  
New business  
Announcements  
Adjournment

**Section 7.** At the last general membership meeting of the year, the members may elect Officers and Directors of NTTPA.

**Section 8.** The executive Committee shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law or these By-Laws, as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of NTTPA, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension, and expulsion of members, removal of officers, the rules and regulations governing the procedure of suspension and expulsion and removal, the fixing and collection of dues and fees, expenditures of money, auditing of books and records, awarding of championships, conduction of show, contests, exhibitions, sales and social functions and other details relating to the general purpose of NTTPA.

During the interim between general membership meetings, the Executive Committee is empowered to direct the affairs of the organization provided written notice of intention of any rule or regulation shall have been mailed to all Executive Committee Members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

**Section 9.** The Executive Committee, from time-to-time, may create and empower other committees, general or special.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1.** There is hereby created an Executive Committee consisting of the elected Officers and Directors. This committee may be increased by resolution of the Executive Committee with ratification by the members.

**Section 2.** No Officer or Director may serve on the Executive Committee in excess of five (5) consecutive years.

**Section 3.** The Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified successor to fill all vacancies in the committee occurring because of death, resignation, disqualification, increase in number, or other cause until the next general election of Officers and Directors.

**Section 4.** The Executive Committee shall meet once a month or whenever and wherever as deemed necessary by the President or two members of the Committee acting jointly, with notice to the Secretary who shall be given ten (10) days prior written notice, and of which meeting the Secretary shall give seven (7) days written or

telephone notice to members of the Executive Committee, but such notice may be waived by any member.

**Section 5.** The Executive Committee may act, without convening in meeting, by written resolution signed by all members thereof and duly entered into NTPPA records.

**Section 6.** All powers, except the power to change any Rule or By-Law, are vested in the Executive Committee. To change, annul, repeal, or rescind any part of the Rules or By-Laws requires a thirty (30) day notice and a 2/3 vote (2/3 vote means two-thirds of the votes cast by the members present) of the membership.

**Section 7.** A slate of nominations for consideration of the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors shall be presented to the Executive Committee prior to the annual election by a nominating committee appointed by the President (the President may not be a member of the nominating committee). After presentation to the Executive Committee of the slate, the President will present to the members this slate of nominations, and at the close thereof, will conduct the election, with said election to be held at the last general membership meeting, either by voice vote, show of hand, or secret ballot as a majority of the Executive Committee directs.

The Nominating committee will solicit nominations from the membership at-large by mail-in ballots that will be printed in the monthly newsletter thirty (30) days prior to the presentation to the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **ELECTIVE OFFICERS/DIRECTORS AND DUTIES**

**Section 1. Officers.** The officers of NTPPA shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) Directors, such other officers/directors as may be authorized from time-to-time by the Executive Committee, with such authorization to be ratified by a majority of the general members present at the last general membership meeting of the year.

**Section 2. President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of NTPPA and shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee. The President shall see that the By-Laws, rules and regulations of NTPPA are enforced, and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time-to-time by the Executive Committee. The President shall be ex officio member of all committees.

**Section 3. Vice-President:** In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, and in his/her absence, the Secretary shall have the powers and perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

**Section 4. Secretary:** The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall send notice of all meetings (as provided in Article II, Section 2) and a copy of the preceding meetings minutes to all Executive Committee

members at least one week prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. In the case of the annual meeting(s), the last of which is the election meeting, notice (as provided in Article II, Section 2) and the slates of the recommended Officers and Directors and any By-Law changes must be made available to the general membership with such notice as provided in Article II, Section 2. The Secretary shall keep in safe custody, the seal of the Association, and when authorized by the Executive Committee, affix same to an instrument requiring it. When so affixed, such seal is to be attested by the Secretary's signature or the signature of the Treasurer. The Secretary shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and power as the Executive Committee may from time-to-time prescribe. The Secretary shall hold all membership records and team penning results and records.

**Section 5. Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have custody of the Association funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipt and disbursements of the Association and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render to the Executive Committee, at the regular monthly meetings, or whenever they may require it, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and the financial condition of the Association. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and the powers as the Executive Committee may from time-to-time prescribe. The Treasurer is responsible for all sign-ups/entries of contestants at the sanctioned pennings or pennings that are sponsored by NTTPA.

**Section 6. Directors:** One Director shall serve as committee chairperson for one of the following Standing Committees: Finance/Budget, Membership, Sanctioned Pennings, Finals and Promotions, Cattle Coordinator, Marketing/Public Information and Rating Committee. Each Committee shall have not less than two (2) members of which such members shall be appointed by the chairperson of that standing committee.

**A. Finance/Budget Committee:** The Committee Chairperson shall submit to the Executive Committee, at the first monthly meeting following the last general membership meeting, a detailed budget of the proposed and anticipated expenditures for the forthcoming fiscal year of NTTPA. Upon approval of this said budget, or its modification, it becomes binding upon the Officers and Directors of NTTPA and cannot be exceeded in the total amount set forth by more than 10% without a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

**B. Membership Committee:** Said committee will solicit memberships, maintain an up-to-date membership list and provide such list to both the Secretary and the Chairperson in charge of Marketing/Public Information as needed for membership meeting notification and newsletter mailing. This committee will disperse team penning rules and post said rules in an open, public place for review by contestants.

**C. Sanctioned Pennings Committee:** Said committee will solicit sanctioned pennings, approve arenas, coordinate said sanctioned pennings, provide a certified judge's list from which judges are obtained and be responsible for making sure at least one (1) Officer or Director is present at sanctioned pennings. Appoint all arena personnel and arena director.

**D. Finals and Promotions Committee:** Said committee will handle all arrangements as necessary for the annual production of the Finals and the promotion of the organization on a regular basis, either through the newsletter, paid advertising, brochures, or other sources as may arise.

**E. Cattle Coordinator Committee:** Said committee will be responsible for any and all responsibilities associated with the transportation of cattle to and from sanctioned/sponsored penning of NTTPA, all activities pertaining to obtaining tags, gluing, removing and sorting of tags for the cattle. This committee is responsible for any and all paperwork associated with liability, insurance, etc. that is involved with the transportation of cattle.

**F. Marketing/Public Information Committee:** Said committee will produce a monthly newsletter to the membership containing notice of all meetings and team penning results, but is not limited to just that content. There shall be a consistent publishing date, to be determined by the Executive Committee, to assure inclusion of information in a timely fashion and to safeguard omissions of timely information. This committee shall be responsible for all publicity with regard to Association awareness and exposure.

**G. Rating Committee:** Said committee will evaluate and rate the current membership of this association to stand for the coming year. Members will be evaluated subject to change prior to participating in three (3) penning. The committee is to consist of Officers and Directors.

**Ga.** NTTPA has a two (2) rating system. One for Penning. One for Sorting.

**Gb.** Appeal of ratings must be in writing to **Rating Director**. The appeal will be reviewed and approved by a **Board** vote.

## ARTICLE VI

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**Section 1. Indemnification:** NTTPA shall indemnify and hold harmless any Officer, Director and employee of NTTPA, their personal representatives and heirs, against reasonable legal expense judgments, and expense of settlement which NTTPA previously approved, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with an actual or threatened legal proceeding, if such person acted legally, in good faith, and was duly authorized to act on behalf of NTTPA in the transaction from which legal liability arose, which was official NTTPA business, except in relation to matters as to which he/she shall have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in respect of the matter in which indemnity is sought. To preserve this right of indemnity, such person shall immediately notify NPPTA of such actual or threatened litigation, whereupon NTTPA shall have the right to direct defense thereof, including, but not limited to, selection of counsel and direction of settlement negotiations.

**Section 2. Resignation:** Any Officer, Director 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.

**Section 3. Authority:** These Rules and By-Laws are constructed to conform to reasonable practice and accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The authority of that wisdom is ascribed to all activity not heretofore covered in these By-Laws.

**Section 4. Protest:** Any member in good standing may file a formal protest by submitting in writing to the Secretary of NTPA. The protest will be read and acted upon, if needed, at the next monthly meeting of the Executive Committee. A reply will be mailed back to the member within three (3) working days after the meeting. Or by notifying the Secretary in advance, a member may appear in person to file the complaint.

**Section 5. Salaried Employees:** The Executive Committee shall determine each year, at the first monthly meeting, the salaried employees for the Association.

## ARTICLE VII

### SANCTIONED PENNING REQUIREMENTS AND RULES

#### Section 1. Sanctioned:

1. NTPA Rules and By-Laws will govern all sanctioned pennings.
2. An Officer or Director of NTPA must be present at all sanctioned pennings.
3. The Executive Committee must approve a list of judges and timers. There Will be two (2) judges qualified by NTPA, one judge at the line and one Judge at the pen, and at least two timers provided by the promoter (one must Be qualified by NTPA).
4. Penners may enter three times per class, but must change at least one Member of their team per ride unless otherwise stated for special events.
5. All promoters must have the results of the penning to the Association Secretary within five (5) working days.
6. All proceeds due the Association must be to the **Secretary** within five (5) Working days.
7. **Arena Secretary** must have books open one-half (1/2) hour before scheduled Start time of event.
8. Promoter will close books after penning start time **WHEN THE LAST HERD ENTERS THE ARENA TO END THE FIRST ROUND OR THE CLASS IS FULL**. Entries accepted after the books are closed will be charged an

Additional \$30 per team. Money is to go into the jackpot of that division.

9. When a penning is advertised as a pre-registered penning, entries accepted After deadline will be charged an additional \$30 per team. Money is to go Into the jackpot of that division.
10. In the event a penning is called due to weather, before the final go-round, The last fully completed go-round would decide the winners of the penning. Decision to stop the penning shall be a joint decision of the promoter and the NTTPA Officers and/or Directors that are present. In the event a penning is Called and there has been no completed go-round, 10% of the amount of the Entry fee will be assessed. Fee is to go to the Promoter.
11. The promoter of a sanctioned penning shall have the right to require any Contestant to provide his/her social security number prior to the receipt of Any prize money. A contestant who does not meet this requirement forfeits The winnings to the promoter.
12. Both NTTPA and the promoter of a sanctioned penning shall have the right To require any contestant, or in the case of a youth ride, the contestant's Parent or guardian, to sign a release form holding the Association and/or Promoter et al, harmless for any and all injury incurred as a result of the Penning.
13. To be a sanctioned penning, it must be cleared on the Association calendar.
14. All sanctioned pennings must be cleared sixty (60) days in advance of Proposed date. The Chairperson of Sanctioned pennings may grant a NTTPA sanctioned penning date in less than sixty (60) days with the Executive Committee's approval.
15.
  - A. All sanctioned pennings must include all the Divisions adopted by NTTPA.
  - B. Each division will run its entirety in the order adopted by NTTPA.
  - C. All sanctioned pennings will be run progressive, except The Youth Division and the Draw-Pot Division. EXAMPLE: For twenty-one(21) or more teams, 50% will come back to the second go-round With a minimum of fifteen (15) teams, and all teams must receive a Time in order to return.
16. Promoter shall have a \$1,000,000 insurance policy to cover property Damage and bodily injuries with no deductible. The policy shall add north Texas Team Penning Association, its employees, Officers, Directors, and Members as additional insured. A copy of the policy or binder must Accompany the signed promoter contract.
17. All cattle must be fresh, as determined by the Chairperson of Sanction Pennings.

18. Promoter must use numbers approved by NTPPA.
19. Promoter will pay NTPPA \$5 per team.
20. Minimum payback at sanctioned penning will be fifty (50) percent.
21. Promoters must sign a contract with NTPPA. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 will be required, which amount is deductible after the conclusion of the Penning.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **SANCTIONED PENNING RULES**

#### **Section 1.**

1. Within a **75 second** time limit, a team (3 riders) must cut out from the herd, and pen three (3) head of cattle with the assigned number. The fastest time will win. A warning must be given the team working the cattle at thirty (30) seconds of time remaining. If no warning is given, at the request of the team, a re-ride will be given, but with a starting time of sixty (60) seconds. The re-ride will be at the end of that set of cattle and with the same cattle number.

2. All cattle will be bunched on the cattle side of the foul line, within the designated area, before the time begins. The judge will raise the flag to signal when the arena is ready. Contestants will be given their cattle number when the nose of the first horse crosses the foul/start line and the flag drops.

3.

A. To call for time, one rider must stand at the gate and raise a hand for the flag. Flag will drop when the nose of the first horse enters the pen and the rider calls for time. However, time will continue until all unpenned cattle are on the herd side of the foul line. In the event that an animal escapes from the pen after time is called, but prior to the time that any unpenned cattle are on the herd side of the foul line, the team will be scored a "no time".

B. If an animal escapes as a team is calling for time, they will score a "no time".

C. "Escaped Animal" is one with any part of the animal coming in or out of the pen.

4. A team may call for time with one or two assigned cattle in the pen. However, teams penning three head place higher than those with two or one penned, regardless of the time. In a multiple go-round contest, in the event that teams pen their cattle in only one go-round, the fastest time wins, regardless of which go-round. In a multiple go-round contest, the teams that pen in each go-round will beat the teams that fail to pen in a go-round, regardless of the number of cattle penned or time. In multiple go-rounds, times are accumulated to determine placings.

For Example: Times in three go-rounds beat times in two go-rounds, times in Two Go-rounds beat times in one go-round; and times in one go-round beats a “No time”.

5. A team calling for time with any wrong number cattle in the pen will score a “no time.
6. Contact with cattle by hands, ropes, bats, or any other equipment, or hazing with any equipment or apparel will result in a “no time”.
7. If more than four (4) head of cattle are across the start/foul line at the same time, the team will score a “no time”.
8. After a Team has been called to arena to ride, said Team has sixty (60) seconds to **engage** the herd. Any delay will be judged a “no time”, unless waived for good cause by the **Judge**.
- 8a. No Team member may enter arena after Line Judge has dropped flag for the beginning of run. Such action will result in a “no time” for that team.
9. As each new team begins a run, there should be thirty (30) head of cattle in the arena. In the event that a team draws a number where more or less than three (3) identical numbers are in the arena (at the time of their run), that team will have a re-run at the end of that set of cattle, on their same cattle number. (Times for all other teams within such a miss-numbered herd will remain the same on those same-numbered cattle).
10.
  - A. In the event a team is given a number that has already been used within a set of cattle, a re-run must be given using the correct number within the same set of cattle. In case of mechanical or official error, a re-run shall be given at the end of that set of cattle.
  - B. If an animal leaves the arena, the team can either be given a “no time” for unnecessary roughness, can be given time on their remaining cattle, or be given a re-run, depending on the **arena director’s or judge’s decision**. If more than one re-run is given in any go-round, they will be given in order of occurrence in the same set of cattle.
  - C. If **the arena director or judges** observes or becomes knowledgeable of an unfit or injured animal(s), the director or judge has the responsibility to call for time and immediately have the animal(s) removed. “Immediately” is defined as: (1) if the team in the arena has committed to the cattle (i.e. started into the herd to begin penning), time will be called after the run, and/or (2) if time has not started for the team in the arena. **Only** the arena director or judge has the authority to determine what an unfit and/or injured animal is.

**For Example:** Only the **arena director** or **judge** has the authority and responsibility to call for time in regard to an unfit and/or injured animal(s) with the exception of a member(s) of the team in the arena and a rider has not committed to the herd.

If a rider or riders of the team in the arena pulls up and notifies the **judges or arena director** of an unfit and/or injured animal(s) in the herd before making a commitment and the **arena director** or **judge** rules the team shall be entitled to a re-run, they will be allowed to work at the end of that group of cattle, and they will work their same cattle number. In the event the **arena director** or **judge** rules the animal(s) are **not** unfit or injured, the team will be given a “**no time**”.

11. Decisions of the judges are **FINAL**. No judge may enter any class that he/she judges. Judges shall be line judge and pen judge. **Primary judge shall be the line judge**. All judges shall be certified through NTPA and a member in good standing. In the event of a disputed decision between the judges, the **arena director** will cast the tie breaker.

No penner may approach the judges for any question of disputes or protests. A fine of not less than \$1 or more than \$500 will be assessed by the judges for failure to comply with this rule. The fee will be returned to the Association.

12. A team shall be disqualified with a “**no time**” by either judge for any action the judge believes to be unnecessary roughness to the cattle.

13. The foul line shall be between 40% and 60% from the cattle end of the arena and it shall be set and advertised by show management. The pen shall be situated either 75% from arena back wall or 25% from arena back wall. Markers located on the arena fence, and easily viewed by the line judge and penners must designate the starting and foul line.

14. All riders not members of NTPA must pay a day permit fee of \$10 per sanction penning. Said fee will return to the Association.

15. Fall of a horse and/or rider shall not eliminate the entry. However, any attempt by a dismounted rider to work cattle before remounting will result in an automatic disqualification.

16. After the first run, disqualification of a team member will result in disqualification of the rider, but the remaining member(s) can ride.

17. In the event of a tie affecting the placings, each team will be allowed to pen three (3) head of cattle. The fastest time breaks the tie.

18. If for any reason a team does not participate after the order of go has been drawn, their cattle number will be drawn in the order the team would have run. The drawn number will not be used in that set of teams. This will avoid changing the order of go for the other contestants.

**Section 2. Sanctioned Penning Judges:** All sanctioned penning judges must adhere to the NTPA Contestants dress code with a “western hat” being optional. All sanctioned penning judges must be certified and member in good standing with NTPA. The Sanctioned Pennings Committee Chairperson will renew certification of judges annually.

**Section 3. Divisions:** The Executive Committee shall determine the divisions and the running order each year with recommendations to the general membership for ratification. All membership fees must be paid in full before participating in any sanctioned penning.

**Divisions for 2005:**

1. Pro Am 15
2. Pro Am Nov 11
3. Am Novice 7
4. Novice 5
5. Youth
6. Draw Pot Division

**A. Youth** – Any NTPA member in good standing, with age not exceeding seventeen (17) years as of January 1 beginning each penning year. Youth Division will draw numbers to determine teams that will be made up of three (3) youth members. This division will be two full rounds.

**B. Pro Am 15** – Any member in good standing with NTPA is eligible to ride. Any combination of Open, Amateur, or Novice riders as long as team’s rating do not exceed 15.

**C. Pro Am Nov 11** – Any member in good standing with NTPA is eligible to ride. One open rider (5 or 6) rated and amateur riders (3 or 4) rated or novice riders (1 or 2) rated. **Only one (1) Open Rider (5 or 6 rated) per team.** Team’s rating can not exceed 11

**C. Mixed** – Teams will be one (1) male rider with two (2) female riders or two (2) male riders with one (1) female rider. Any member in good standing is eligible.

**D. Novice 5** – Any member in good standing with NTPA is eligible to ride as long as the team’s rating does not exceed five (5). **Only #1 or # 2 rated riders may** ride this class.

**E. Draw Pot** – Each rider entering will be drawn from a pot and placed on a team with two other riders. This division will have one run only. 50% of the entry fees will go for distribution among the winner(s) at each sanctioned penning and 50% will go to the Association.

**F. Am Nov 7** – Any member in good standing with NTPA is eligible to ride as long as the team’s rating does not exceed Seven (7). **Only #4 #3 #2 #1 rated riders** in this class.

**Section 4. Running Order:** Each division will be run in its entirety and in the running order as yearly determined by the Executive Committee (Article VIII, Section 3)

**Section 5. Conduct:**

1. Any contestant (member or non-member of NTTPA) who is guilty of misconduct may be fined \$10 to \$500 and/or be expelled from the contest and/or the Association. The Officers and Directors of NTTPA reserve the right to revoke or refuse membership for proper cause. Monies from fines will go to the Association.
2. If a person is fined, the fine will be assessed by the judges and approved by the Officers and Directors present. The fine must be paid before the member may participate in future sanctioned penning or contests.
3. Any member or contestant that walks a tab (doesn't pay at end of day) must pay before next penning. If it happens a second time (2) they will not be allowed to run a tab.
4. Any member or contestant that writes a **insufficient check** will be notified by phone and must pay before the next penning. There will be a **forty-five dollar (45.00)** insufficient check charge added to the amount. This charge will go to cover expenses that the bank charges the Association. Any member or contestant that has **three (3) insufficient checks** within a **Penning year** will be put on a **cash only** basis.

**Section 6. Disputes:**

1. In the case a team has a dispute; the team will put up \$15 for a decision. If sustained, the team will get their money back; if not, the money will go to the Association. Any protest must be timely filed with the arena director.
2. If a protest is filed, the arena director shall present said dispute, along with \$15 deposit to the judges. The arena director shall immediately present the findings and reasons to the protesting party. Protest results should be made after the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) team, but prior to that set of cattle exiting the arena.
3. No penner may approach the judges for any question of disputes or protests. A fine of not less than \$1 or more than \$500 will be assessed by the judges for failure to comply with this rule. The fee will be returned to the Association.

**Section 7. Attire:** All contestants and judges must wear western attire: a western hat (optional), a long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt (with a collar, buttoned and tucked in the waistband properly), and western boots. Tank tops, tee shirts and/or shorts will not be allowed. A fine of \$10 will be levied by the judges, at their discretion, against any contestant not in compliance. Fines must be paid before the contestant rides again. The monies will go to the Association. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, mandatory attire may be waived.

**Section 8. Cancellation of Sanctioned Penning:** In the event a penning is called due to weather, before the final go-round, the last fully completed go-round will determine the winners of that division. Decision to stop the penning shall be a decision of the arena director and/or the promoter if the penning has been sanctioned by NTPA. If no go-round has been completed, 10% of the entry fees will be assessed to each penner.

**Section 9. NTPA point system:**

Teams in Final Go:	Place	Points
	1 <sup>st</sup>	10
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8
	4 <sup>th</sup>	7
	5 <sup>th</sup>	6
	6 <sup>th</sup>	5
	7 <sup>th</sup>	4
	8 <sup>th</sup>	3
	9 <sup>th</sup>	2
	10 <sup>th</sup>	1

1. One point shall be awarded each member of a team winning the first and/or second go-round (excluding Youth and Draw Pot Divisions).
2. Points shall be awarded at all sanctioned events to NTPA members only.
3. NTPA members riding on teams with non-member(s) will receive points and the non-member's points will be disregarded.
4. Points will be based on the total number of teams participating or riding in the first go-round. Teams that scratch or do not ride in the first go-round will not be included in the total for that division's points awarded. (Points are to be awarded to each team member based on the total actual entries).
5. Youth shall ride a total of two (2) rounds, at least (1) head of cattle must be penned (can be either go-round) to receive points.

**Section 10. Finals:** Article VIII, Section 3, will determine the divisions of the finals.

1. To qualify for the finals, members, in good standing with the Association, must compete in at least 6 sanctioned pennings during the NTPA fiscal year. Youth members must compete in 4 sanctioned pennings in the fiscal year in order to compete in the finals.
2. Any penner may ride three times in each division that the rider is eligible for.

3. The points accumulated throughout the year, including the Finals, will count towards an individual high-point winner. If, after the finals, there is a tie, each penner shall choose qualified penners, and these teams shall run off the tie.

4. In the Draw Pot division, anyone eligible to ride may ride three times.

**5. Qualified members must ride at the finals to receive year-end awards or prizes.**

**Section 11. NTPA Go-Round (excluding Draw Pot and Youth) and Payback Scale:**

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NUMBER OF TEAMS      GO-ROUNDS      FINALS
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2 - 10                Progressive     Progressive
11 - 20               Progressive     Top 10 Qualifying
31 and Over           Maximum 15 teams  31 & Over is 50% Comeback
                     To 2nd Go-Round
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NUMBER OF TEAMS      PLACES PAID     50% PERCENTAGE
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10                    1                100
11 - 20               2                60, 40
21 - 30               3                50, 30, 20
31 - 40               4                40, 30, 20, 10
41 and Over           5                30, 25, 20; 15, 10
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Go-round money (excluding the Draw Pot) is paid in the first two (2) go-rounds only and must equal or exceed entry fee. Only sixteen (16) or more teams riding constitutes go-round paybacks