

The following changes and clarifications were approved at the 2009 Mid-Winter Meeting and have been in place but need to be included in the new rulebook when the book goes to print for the 2010-2012 seasons:

Hat penalty rule, assistant passing the plane of the gate and forward motion rule – Barrel Racing, Page 87, #9. IF THE ARENA REQUIRES AN ALLEYWAY TO MEET THE 75' REQUIREMENT TO START AND STOP, IT IS CONSIDERED PART OF THE ARENA AND ALL RULES APPLY TO THAT ALLEYWAY.

Barrier, Breakaway Roping (as well as TD, TR), Page 91, 12C: THE PULL PART OF THE BARRIER ROPE IS NOT CONSIDERED PART OF THE BARRIER IN TERMS OF FOULING AND GETTING A RE-RUN; A CONTESTANT OR CONTESTANT'S ROPE CANNOT BE FOULED BY THE PULL ROPE.

Timed Events, assistance in the box and touching horse after roper calls for animal. WHEN THE CONTESTANT CALLS FOR THE ANIMAL, NO FURTHER ASSISTANCE CAN TAKE PLACE AFTER THAT. NO ENCOURAGEMENT CAN TAKE PLACE BY THE ASSISTANT AFTER THE CONTESTANT CALLS FOR THE ANIMAL.

Re: rule clarification for contestant helpers in the box.

Contestant helpers in roping timed events/steer wrestling. The contestant is allowed a helper in the box to assist in the helping of settling the horse down and keeping the horse in the corner. The helper may have his hands on the horse at such time that the contestant calls for the animal but if in any way does the helper enhance or hinder any part of the contestants scoring process, the contestant will be disqualified. Clarifications: If the helper starts the horse or holds the horse in any way that affects the scoring process contestant will be disqualified.