

Women's Ranch Bronc Championships



By-Laws & Competition Rules

Updated: May 2025

Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

By becoming a member of the Women's Ranch Bronc Championships (WRBC) and participating in any WRBC sanctioned event, all members, contestants, officials, volunteers, and any other participants acknowledge and accept that rodeo and ranch bronc riding are inherently dangerous activities. Participation exposes individuals to significant risks, including but not limited to the risk of property damage, serious personal injury, or death.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any capacity at a WRBC sanctioned event, all participants agree to voluntarily assume all risks associated with such participation.

All participants further agree to fully release, discharge, waive, and hold harmless the WRBC, its directors, officers, agents, sponsors, contractors, committees, event producers, stock contractors, personnel, volunteers, and any affiliated individuals or entities from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, or causes of action for property damage, personal injury, or death that may arise from participation in a WRBC sanctioned event.

This release applies to claims arising from both known and unknown risks, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable, and includes claims based on negligence, gross negligence, or willful misconduct to the fullest extent permitted by law.

This release and waiver is binding upon the participant, as well as their heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns. Should any portion of this release be deemed invalid under applicable law, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

By becoming a member or participating in a WRBC-sanctioned event, individuals confirm that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms of this Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability.

Table of Contents

Introduction

Mission Statement

Vision

Our History

Meet the directors

Competition Rules & By-Laws

Section 1 – General Rules

Section 2 – Membership

Section 3 – Event Entry and Payments

Section 4 – Equipment, Riding Standards & Arena Rules

Section 5 – Judging, Scoring & Re-Rides

Section 6 – Conduct, Social Media & Disciplinary Actions

Section 7 – Substance Use, Testing & Rider Health Protocols

Section 8 – Risk Management, Insurance & Incident Reporting

Section 9 – Points System, Finals Qualification & Payouts

Section 10 – International Expansion, Host Association Alignment & Sanctioning Protocols

Section 11 – Definitions, Forms & Final Clauses

Section 12 – Country Sanctioning Framework

Introduction

Welcome to the official WRBC Rule Book. This document outlines the official policies, expectations, rules, and values of the Women's Ranch Bronc Riding Championship. Our goal is to provide a professional, structured, and safe environment for riders to compete, grow, and be recognised nationally and internationally.

Mission Statement

The Women's Ranch Bronc Championships (WRBC) is all about bringing women together from around the world to compete, learn, and grow in ranch bronc riding. We're here to celebrate hard work, grit, and the true spirit of the West, while giving women from America, Canada, Australia, Europe, and now Mexico a place to show what they're made of. Through every ride, we aim to build a supportive, down to earth community where women can push their limits and take pride in their craft.

Vision

We envision a world where women in ranch bronc riding are recognized and respected on the global stage. With contenders from all corners of the world, including America, Canada, Australia, Europe, and Mexico, our goal is to create a platform where riders can connect, inspire, and be inspired. We want to build a tradition that not only showcases raw talent but also honors the grit and passion that make this sport and these women truly special.

Our History

The Women's Ranch Bronc Championships (WRBC) was founded by Daryl and Michelle McElroy, two passionate rodeo enthusiasts who saw a need for women to have a platform to compete in ranch bronc riding. In 2016, the couple brought the idea to life, creating an event that would empower women to showcase their skills in a sport traditionally dominated by men. Their vision was to create a space where female athletes could challenge themselves, build community, and earn respect in the rodeo world. What started as a small competition has grown into an international series with contenders from America, Canada, Australia, Europe, and now Mexico.

Meet Our Directors

The Women's Ranch Bronc Championships (WRBC) is led by a dedicated team of individuals who share a passion for empowering women in ranch bronc riding. At the helm are co-founders Daryl and Michelle McElroy, whose vision in 2016 transformed a shared dream into a global movement. Their commitment to providing women with a platform to compete in ranch bronc riding has been instrumental in the growth and success of the WRBC.

Supporting the McElroys are regional directors who bring local expertise and enthusiasm to the WRBC community.

Together, this team works tirelessly to create opportunities, foster community, and inspire the next generation of riders, ensuring that the WRBC continues to thrive and expand globally.



WRBC Founders
Michelle McElroy &
Daryl McElroy



President, WRBC USA
Allysa Spierings



President, WRBC Canada
Pearl Kersey



Managing Director, WRBC Australia
Emily Collits



**Managing
Director, WRBC
Australia**
Emily Howkins



**Managing Director,
WRBC Europe**
Ilona Bercx

SECTION 1 – GENERAL RULES

Rule 1.1: Governing Authority

1.1.1 The Women's Ranch Bronc Championships (WRBC) is the official global governing body for women's ranch bronc championships riding events.

1.1.2 The WRBC Rulebook governs all WRBC-sanctioned events worldwide unless otherwise approved in writing by the Board.

1.1.3 No local rule or committee policy shall override WRBC rules unless permitted through an approved co-sanctioning agreement.

Rule 1.2: Purpose and Scope

1.2.1 This Rulebook defines the standards, safety, conduct, scoring, and procedural requirements for all WRBC sanctioned events.

1.2.2 It applies to all contestants, stock contractors, pickup men, event officials, volunteers, and affiliated personnel.

1.2.3 All participants agree to abide by this Rulebook upon entry into any WRBC-sanctioned competition.

Rule 1.3: Event Sanctioning

1.3.1 Events must be sanctioned in writing by WRBC to count toward standings, finals qualification, or promotional recognition.

1.3.2 Unsanctioned events may not use the WRBC name or branding without approval and are not covered under WRBC point structures.

SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP

Rule 2.1: Membership Eligibility

2.1.1 All competitors must be current financial members of WRBC to accumulate points, receive awards, or qualify for finals.

2.1.2 Membership is open to individuals of all nationalities, aged 18 and over.

2.1.3 Junior riders (under 18) may compete with parental or guardian permission.

Rule 2.2: Types of Membership

2.2.1 *Full Membership* – Required for eligibility in leaderboards, finals, and team selection.

2.2.2 *Day Membership* – Permits participation in a single event. No points awarded. Max of 3 per season. (Australia Only)

Rule 2.3: Membership Standing

2.3.1 Riders under suspension or disciplinary review are considered not in good standing and ineligible for competition.

2.3.2 Riders must be in good standing at the time of competition for points to count toward standings or finals.

SECTION 3 – EVENT ENTRY AND PAYMENTS

Rule 3.1: Entry Procedure

3.1.1 Entries must be submitted using WRBC-approved methods (e.g., online portal or designated entry form).

3.1.2 Entries are not valid until full payment is received.

3.1.3 Riders who enter and fail to show without 48 hours' notice may be penalised at the discretion of the Event Director.

Rule 3.2: Payment and Refunds

3.2.1 Entry fees must be paid in full before being added to the draw.

3.2.2 Refunds will only be granted in cases of injury, illness, or other documented emergency, subject to WRBC approval.

3.2.3. Unnotified turnouts will result in forfeit of entry fees and a fine of \$100

Rule 3.3: Payout Structure

3.3.1 Payouts are calculated after deduction of stock and administrative fees.

3.3.2 Only qualified rides are eligible for prize money.

3.3.3 No ground money will be paid unless otherwise specified.

SECTION 4 – EQUIPMENT, RIDING STANDARDS & ARENA RULES

Rule 4.1: Saddle Requirements

4.1.1 All saddles used must be working style western ranch saddles.

4.1.2 Saddles must be either slick fork (with or without buck rolls) or swell fork with no excessive modifications.

4.1.3 Center-fire rigging is not permitted. Only full, 7/8 rigging or double ring modification to a standard rigging allowed.

4.1.4 No saddle or stirrup tying, hobbling, or anchoring is permitted.

4.1.5 Saddles and chaps must be free of adhesives, glue, rosin, or other sticky substances.

4.1.6 Saddle approval rests with the Event Director or WRBC official at the time of inspection.

4.1.7 A swelled saddle is not permitted to have the addition of buck rolls.

4.1.8 Only leather latigos will be permitted, no nylon will be allowed.

4.1.8 It is not recommended to have the addition of any rubber to oxbows / stirrups.

4.1.9 Stock contractors and judges can object to saddle setups.

4.1.10 Saddles with modified horns, including but not limited to bolted on, twisted off, cut down, or otherwise altered horns, are not permitted for use in WRBC sanctioned events.

4.1.11 A working ranch saddle must have a horn. Saddles without a horn will not be accepted for competition.

Rule 4.2: Rein & Halter Use

4.2.1 All halters must be plain and fitted with a single rein.

4.2.2 Rein hand must remain on the same side of the horse's neck as the rein throughout the entire ride.

4.2.3 Riders may not switch hands or grab the rein with both hands during the ride.

4.2.4 **If at any point before the 8 second mark a rider drops their rein or double grabs, they will receive a no score.**

4.2.5 Stock contractors maintain full authority over halter placement and use.

Rule 4.3: Spurs and Footwear

4.3.1 Riders must wear standard western boots with a heel.

4.3.2 Spurs are optional but must have rowels that are not sharp or locked.

4.3.3 Use of sharp, locked, or modified spurs will result in immediate disqualification.

4.3.4 Bull riding spurs are not permitted only riding spurs and bronc spurs will be accepted.

4.3.5 Stock contractors can object to rider spurs and ask them to be changed or removed.

4.3.6 If a **rider's boots are deemed unsuitable, unsafe, or damaged** to a point where they pose a danger, the **judge has the right to request the rider to change their boots** before competing.

Rule 4.4: Flank and Cinching Regulations

4.4.1 Flanks are to be adjusted by the stock contractor or their team only.

4.4.2 Excessive tightening of the cinch prior to the chute boss' call is prohibited (also known as "soaking").

4.4.3 Cinches must allow for a minimum of two fingers space before the horse is pulled.

4.3.4 The **stock contractor reserves the right to remove a contestant's saddle** from any animal if they deem the animal has been soaked or if the welfare of the animal is at risk. This decision is at the sole discretion of the **stock contractor** in the interest of horse welfare and fair competition.

Rule 4.5: Arena Protocols

4.5.1 Only approved WRBC riders, chute personnel, and contractors are allowed in the chute area.

4.5.2 Family, friends, personal animals or unauthorised individuals are not permitted behind the chutes and may be asked to leave.

4.5.3 Riders must be present, tacked, and ready when called by the chute boss.

4.5.4 Horses may be tied in the chute at the discretion of the contractor for rider safety.

4.5.5 If a rider is not ready when a chute boss, director, or judge calls for them, a horse can be turned out and the rider disqualified.

4.5.6 If a rider refuses to nod in adequate time and is risking animal welfare, delaying events proceeding, and is uncooperative, a horse can be turned out and rider disqualified. Unless the animal is uncooperative. At contractor and judge/s discretion.

Rule 4.6: Use of Free Hand

4.6.1 Riders may use their free hand to hold the saddle horn or night latch/rope only.

4.6.2 Any touching of the rein, saddle, or horse with both hands during the ride is a double grab and results in disqualification.

Rule 4.7: Protective Equipment (AUS ONLY)

4.7.1 All riders under the age of 18 are required to wear an appropriate protective vest and helmet at all times while riding.

4.7.2 Novice & Beginner Riders (Rookies):

All novice or beginner riders, regardless of age, must wear full protective equipment, including:

- A protective vest
- A helmet
- Mouthguard (recommended but not required)
- Any other equipment deemed necessary by event officials for safety

4.7.8 Stock Guidelines (AUS)

4.8.1 Stock Recommendations: It is strongly recommended that horses drawn for riders are novice level broncs suitable for developing riders but still fair and competitive for points. Horses should be consistent, manageable, and avoid overly dangerous behavior.

4.8.2 Rider Safety Priority:

These recommendations are made with rider development and safety in mind, and WRBC encourages all committees and contractors to prioritize this when selecting stock.

SECTION 5 – JUDGING, SCORING & RE-RIDES

Rule 5.1: Ride Time Requirement

5.1.1 A qualified ride shall last a full **8 seconds** from the time the horse's shoulder breaks the plane of the chute gate.

5.1.2 Riders who do not remain in control for the full 8 seconds will receive **no score**.

5.1.3 The 8 second time will be verified by two appointed judges.

Rule 5.2: Judging & Score Breakdown

5.2.1 Each ride will be scored out of **100 points total**, with two judges each awarding up to 25 points for the rider and 25 points for the animal.

5.2.2 Judging is based on:

- **Rider Control**
- **Animal Difficulty and Performance**

5.2.3 Points may be awarded for:

- Riding with free hand clearly in the air
- Style and body control
- Spurring in time with the animal

5.2.4 Points may be deducted for:

- Sloppy body control
- When the center of the rider's body is outside of the V or middle of the saddle, without control regained

5.2.5 Judges' decisions are **final** and not subject to appeal once scores are confirmed.

Rule 5.3: Disqualifications (DQ)

5.3.1 A rider shall be disqualified for any of the following infractions:

- Failing to ride for the full 8 seconds
- **Loss of rein** during the ride
- **Double grab** (touching rein, horn, or horse with both hands)
- Using illegal equipment
- Rowels that are locked or sharp
- Interference with another rider or the animal during competition
- Unsportsmanlike conduct in or out of the arena.

5.3.2 A DQ results in **zero score** and no prize money or points awarded.

Rule 5.4: Re-Ride Eligibility

5.4.1 Re-rides may be granted under the following circumstances:

- The horse fails to perform or bucks improperly
- Equipment failure not caused by the rider
- Horse falls or collides with the chute
- At the **judges' and contractors' discretion**

5.4.2 Re-rides must be requested immediately upon dismount and confirmed **before leaving the arena**.

5.4.3 If the rider exits the arena without approval, the right to a re-ride is forfeited.

5.4.4 If no re-ride stock is available, alternates or drawn horses may be used from turn-outs or a designated re-ride pen.

5.4.5 Re-ride is at the discretion of the stock contractor if re-rides are allowed and must be stated prior to the event commencing.

5.5.6 In order to qualify for a re-ride due to a horse's failure to perform a rider must clearly make an effort to spur. If none is made a re-ride will not be awarded.

5.5.7 Re-rides are only available if there is adequate stock, contestants will be notified before riding if there are no re-ride horses available.

Rule 5.5: Ties and Scoring Procedures

5.5.1 In the event of a tie for prize money or awards, they will be split equally unless a ride off is available.

5.5.2 In cases where points are used for finals qualification, tie-breakers, or final standing it will be decided by:

- Highest individual ride score
- Standings (if the tie is between two members of the same country if not this is null and void)
- Judges' consensus

5.5.3 Aggregate score tie breaker: If a tie has occurred based on aggregate scores it will be broken by 1) Ride off between the tied contestants. If option #1 is not available 2) The win be awarded to the rider with the highest individual score from the aggregate. Ex. Two riders score 160 on two head, one with 80 and 80, the other with 79 and 81. The tie will go to the rider that scored the 81.

SECTION 6 – CONDUCT, SOCIAL MEDIA, & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Rule 6.1: Professional Conduct at Events

6.1.1 All contestants, staff, and members are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and professionalism at all WRBC sanctioned events.

6.1.2 Disrespectful, abusive, or aggressive behaviour toward judges, officials, stock contractors, fellow contestants, animals, or volunteers is strictly prohibited.

6.1.3 Any rider engaging in verbal abuse, intimidation, harassment, or foul language may be subject to immediate disciplinary action, including disqualification, fines, and membership suspension and/or expulsion. Consequences are at the discretion of the WRBC board of directors.

Rule 6.2: Public Communication with Host Committees

6.2.1 Members must not approach rodeo committees directly regarding entry issues, complaints, or event logistics.

6.2.2 All concerns must be directed to WRBC approved representatives (Directors, approved contractors or Country Officials).

6.2.3 Breach of this protocol may result in formal warnings, fines, or suspension of competition rights.

Rule 6.3: Social Media & Public Platforms

6.3.1 Members represent WRBC both in and out of the arena, including on all public and social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly known as Twitter), TikTok, YouTube, etc.).

6.3.2 Posting or sharing content that is defamatory, inflammatory, sexually explicit, discriminatory, or otherwise damaging to WRBC, sponsors, committees, or fellow members is strictly prohibited.

6.3.3 The following will be considered violations of WRBC's media policy:

- Online slander or gossip targeting the association or its members
- Public complaints about event rulings or judging decisions
- Sharing misleading or edited media to discredit WRBC events

6.3.4 Disciplinary action for violations may include suspension, fines, or permanent expulsion.

Rule 6.4: Dress & Representation Standards

6.4.1 Contestants must wear clean, professional western attire at all events. This includes:

- Cowboy hat or helmet
- Long sleeved shirt
- Denim jeans
- Western boots

6.4.2 Sponsor branding may be worn but must not conflict with event sponsors or WRBC partners.

6.4.3 Event Directors reserve the right to ask for removal of inappropriate or unauthorized branding.

Rule 6.5: Code of Conduct Violations

6.5.1 The following behaviours will result in immediate disciplinary review:

- Cheating or tampering with event results
- Harassment or bullying
- Threatening behaviour
- Attempting to manipulate draws, judging, or standings

6.5.2 Formal penalties may include:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Forfeiture of prize money or points
- Temporary or permanent suspension
- Removal from WRBC standings or finals eligibility

Rule 6.6: Appeals Process

6.6.1 Contestants may appeal a disciplinary decision within 72 hours of notification by submitting a written request to WRBC.

6.6.2 Appeals will be reviewed by the WRBC Disciplinary Committee, and a final ruling issued within 10 business days.

6.6.3 Appeals may not delay or override event-day rulings or immediate safety-related suspensions.

Rule 6.7 Turning Out

6.7.1 Any contestant who wishes to make a notified turn out must contact the WRBC **no later than three hours** prior to the start of the performance they are turning out of. If the contestant's circumstances change after giving notice and they are able to compete, it is their responsibility to notify the rodeo's representative directly. If their stock is still available, they may be allowed to compete at the discretion of the event officials.

6.7.2 If a contestant chooses to turn out (withdraw) from one event at a rodeo, she remains eligible to compete in all other events at that same rodeo, unless she has turned out in a go round during a progressive or finals round.

SECTION 7 – SUBSTANCE USE, TESTING & RIDER HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Rule 7.1: Zero Tolerance Drug Policy

7.1.1 The use, possession, distribution, or influence of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited at all WRBC sanctioned events.

7.1.2 Any member found in violation will face **immediate suspension or termination of membership**.

7.1.3 WRBC reserves the right to conduct drug testing at events in cooperation with local authorities or approved medical personnel.

Rule 7.2: Alcohol Policy

7.2.1 Contestants are prohibited from consuming alcohol before or during their scheduled competition.

7.2.2 Alcohol may only be consumed **after** the contestant has completed all rides for the day.

7.2.3 No alcohol is permitted behind the chutes, in locker rooms, or within competition zones.

7.2.4 Violation of the alcohol policy may result in immediate removal from the draw, forfeiture of entry fees, and formal disciplinary review.

Rule 7.3: Prescription Medication

7.3.1 Riders taking prescribed medications that may impair coordination, judgment, or reaction time must inform the WRBC Event Director prior to the start of competition.

7.3.2 WRBC reserves the right to request written clearance from a licensed medical provider.

7.3.3 Any contestant deemed unfit to safely compete may be stood down under the Duty of Care Protocol (see Section 7.5).

Rule 7.4: Rider Safety & Medical Intervention

7.4.1 If a contestant is injured during competition, WRBC officials have the authority to remove them from further competition pending medical assessment.

7.4.2 Riders who refuse assessment or knowingly attempt to hide injury may face disqualification and suspension for knowingly endangering themselves and others.

Rule 7.5: Duty of Care Protocol

7.5.1 WRBC reserves the right to stand down or withdraw any rider showing signs of:

- Physical injury
- Impairment due to alcohol or drugs
- Emotional instability or unsafe behaviour

7.5.2 These decisions are made solely for the safety of the rider, horse, and others.

7.5.3 If a rider is stood down under this protocol, their entry fee will not be refunded.

7.5.4 Re-entry may require a written medical clearance or additional review by WRBC.

SECTION 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT, INSURANCE & INCIDENT REPORTING

Rule 8.1: Risk Management Policy

8.1.1 WRBC is committed to providing a safe environment for riders, stock, personnel, and spectators at all sanctioned events.

Rule 8.2: Incident Reporting Procedures

8.3.1 All incidents involving injury to contestants, stock, or staff must be documented using the official WRBC Incident Report Form.

8.3.2 Incident reports must be submitted to the Event Director and forwarded to WRBC within **48 hours** of the incident.

Rule 8.4: Medical Clearance & Return to Competition

8.4.1 Any rider who receives medical attention on-site or has a documented injury must receive clearance from a medical professional prior to returning to competition.

8.4.2 Riders are prohibited from competing on the same day as a reported head injury, or suspected loss of consciousness.

8.4.3 WRBC reserves the right to request a second opinion if safety concerns remain.

SECTION 9 – POINTS SYSTEM, FINALS QUALIFICATION & PAYOUTS

Rule 9.1: Points Eligibility

9.1.1 Only **financial full members** of WRBC are eligible to earn points at sanctioned events.

9.1.2 Day members and non-members may enter (if permitted), but will not receive WRBC points, awards, or appear in standings. (Australia Only)

9.1.3 Points are only awarded for **qualified rides** — i.e., 8-second scored rides.

9.1.4 Disqualifications, no scores, or no-shows receive **zero points**.

Rule 9.2: Points Distribution Per Placing

9.2.1 Points are awarded according to the following scale at all WRBC-sanctioned events:

Placing	Points
1st Place	100
2nd Place	90
3rd Place	80
4th Place	70
5th Place	60
6th Place	50
7th Place	40
8th Place	30
9th Place	20
10th Place	10

9.2.2 In the case of a tie, the rider with the highest **rider score** (not combined score) receives the higher points.

9.2.3 If rider scores are also tied, points will be shared equally between the tied positions. EG both 2nd place both receive 90 points.

Rule 9.3: Season Standings & Leaderboard

9.3.1 WRBC points accumulate over the course of the official competition season.

9.3.2 Leaderboards are updated regularly and published via official WRBC platforms.

9.3.3 It is the contestant's responsibility to ensure their membership is current and that they are entered under their correct name.

Rule 9.4: Finals Qualification

9.4.1 Only the **Top 3 ranked riders (Top 2 + Wild card for USA)** at the end of the season will qualify for selection to the **WRBC World Finals** (Cheyenne, Wyoming, USA).

9.4.2 In the event a top 3 rider becomes unavailable, the next ranked rider may be invited at the WRBC board's discretion.

9.4.3 Riders must have competed at a **minimum of 5 WRBC sanctioned events** during the season to be eligible for Finals selection.

9.4.4 Riders who are under suspension or not in good standing are **not eligible** for finals, regardless of points.

Rule 9.5: Special Considerations for Finals

9.5.1 Riders may apply for special exemption due to injury, illness, or hardship if they are unable to meet the minimum events requirement.

9.5.2 These requests must be submitted in writing to WRBC Directors **no later than 30 days before the final selection deadline.**

9.5.3 Exemptions are granted at the sole discretion of WRBC based on competitive history, readiness, and conduct.

Rule 9.6: Payout Scale by Entry Numbers

Prize money is distributed based on the number of qualified contestants and calculated **after stock levies, admin fees, and WRBC charges.**

Contestant	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1–2	100%	–	–	–	–
3–6	60%	40%	–	–	–
7–12	50%	30%	20%	–	–
13–18	40%	30%	20%	10%	–
19–24	32%	25%	18%	15%	10%
25+	32%	25%	18%	15%	10%

9.6.1 Only qualified rides are eligible for prize money.

9.6.2 No ground money will be paid.

SECTION 10 – INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION, HOST ASSOCIATION ALIGNMENT & SANCTIONING PROTOCOLS

Rule 10.1: WRBC International Structure

10.1.1 The Women’s Ranch Bronc Championships (WRBC) is a global organisation operating under a unified rule set applicable across all countries unless otherwise noted.

10.1.2 Each country or region may appoint one or more WRBC Directors to oversee operations, ensure rule enforcement, and liaise with rodeo associations.

10.1.3 While regional flexibility is permitted for safety or legal reasons, core WRBC standards must be maintained for sanctioned events.

Rule 10.2: Host Association Rule Alignment

10.2.1 WRBC events may be co-sanctioned with national rodeo bodies (e.g., APRA, ABCRA, RSA, PRCA) where agreements exist.

10.2.2 WRBC contestants are expected to follow **both WRBC rules and host association ground rules** at co-sanctioned events.

10.2.3 In the event of a conflict between rules, WRBC officials will consult the host association and apply the rule that best prioritises safety, fairness, and sport integrity.

10.2.4 WRBC maintains working partnerships to align scoring systems, risk policies, and insurance protections across multiple associations.

Rule 10.3: Insurance Coverage Through Rulebook Inclusion

10.3.1 When WRBC events are formally listed in host association rulebooks, those events are covered under the association's **existing insurance umbrella** (Australia)

10.3.2 This protects competitors, committees, and livestock under the same terms as other roughstock events (Australia)

Rule 10.4: International Sanctioning Protocol

10.4.1 All WRBC events must be sanctioned in writing through the WRBC sanctioning process.

10.4.2 Event sanctioning requires:

- Approval by the countries Director
- Payment of sanctioning fees (if applicable)

10.4.3 Unsanctioned events may not use WRBC branding, points, or payout structures.

10.4.4 Use of WRBC name or marks without permission is grounds for legal action.

Rule 10.5: Rider Development and Global Expansion

10.5.1 WRBC is actively developing clinics and schools worldwide to grow grassroots participation in ranch bronc riding.

10.5.2 Educational programs are offered to train new competitors in rules, safety, gear, and livestock handling.

10.5.3 WRBC supports international finals qualifiers and aims to expand representation at global events.

SECTION 11 – DEFINITIONS, FORMS & FINAL CLAUSES

Rule 11.1: Definitions

- **Qualified Ride** – A ride lasting 8 seconds in which the rider maintains control, follows all rules, and receives a score.
- **Double Grab** – Touching the rein, saddle, horn, or horse with both hands during the ride. Results in disqualification.
- **Day Member** – A non-financial rider permitted to compete in up to three events per year without receiving points or standings eligibility.
- **Flank Strap** – A padded, adjustable strap used around the flank of the horse to encourage bucking; must be clean and humane.
- **Soaking** – The illegal act of cinching a horse too tightly prior to the chute boss' direction, usually to control or manipulate performance.

- **Working Ranch Saddle** - A traditional western saddle suited for daily ranch work. Saddles can be of any style (roping, ranch, or all-around) equipped with a horn and front and back cinch.
- **Pickup Men** – Mounted horsemen responsible for assisting riders in safely dismounting after their ride.
- **Suspension** – Temporary loss of membership privileges due to rule violations.
- **Expulsion** – Permanent removal of a rider or member from WRBC due to severe or repeated misconduct.
- **Good Standing** - Not under suspension, disciplinary review, or having unpaid fines to the WRBC.

Rule 11.2: Required Forms & Submissions

- **Membership Application Form** – Required for annual registration and renewal.
- **Sanctioning Agreement** – Completed by committees or producers seeking WRBC event approval.
- **Incident Report Form** – Must be filed within 48 hours of injury, accident, or significant rule violation.
- **Medical Clearance Form** – Required for return to competition following an injury.
- **Appeals Submission** – To contest rulings, penalties, or event results (must be submitted within 72 hours).

All forms are available upon request from the WRBC office or via official digital portals at:

 www.womensranchbronc.com

Rule 11.3: Amendments & Updates

11.3.1 This rulebook may be amended at any time by the WRBC Board of Directors and International Committee.

11.3.2 All rule changes will be made publicly available.

11.3.3 It is the rider's responsibility to remain informed of current rules and changes. Ignorance of a rule does not exempt a member from enforcement.

Rule 11.4: Final Acceptance Clause

By purchasing membership, submitting entries, or competing in any WRBC-sanctioned event, all members and participants agree to:

- Abide by this rulebook in its entirety
- Follow instructions from WRBC officials, judges, and event directors
- Represent the sport of ranch bronc riding with integrity and professionalism

SECTION 12 – COUNTRY SANCTIONING FRAMEWORK

Rule 12.1: International Sanctioning Structure

12.1.1 WRBC operates as a global organisation with regional sanctioning branches to accommodate local development, growth, and oversight.

12.1.2 Each approved country or region may operate under a national WRBC Director, subject to annual appointment and review by WRBC Headquarters.

Rule 12.2: Country Sanctioning Requirements

Each country seeking WRBC event sanctioning must:

- Submit a calendar of proposed events at least 60 days in advance
- Ensure that all events meet WRBC safety, risk management, and judging standards
- Maintain consistent communication with WRBC on standings, incident reports, and rider eligibility.

Rule 12.3: Local Rule Adaptations

12.3.1 Local safety or legal requirements may be recognised in WRBC-sanctioned events (e.g., helmet mandates, age minimums).

12.3.2 Any rule adaptations must be approved in writing by WRBC and documented

12.3.3 Local rules cannot override global WRBC scoring, safety, or conduct expectations without written approval.

Rule 12.4: Approved Countries & Regional Divisions (Example Structure)

Below is an example framework that can grow over time:

Rule 12.5: Sanctioning Suspension or Removal

12.5.1 WRBC reserves the right to suspend or revoke a country's sanctioning if:

- Events fail to meet safety or competition standards
- Leadership misrepresents WRBC or acts unethically

12.5.2 Sanctioning can be reinstated through corrective action and WRBC board approval.