2026 NWYRA Rule Changes

1. **PPW Division Events** (Barrel Racing, Speed Poles, Dummy Goat Flanking & Dummy Roping) now have more clarification on rules to align with PW division rules.
2. **PPW Dummy Roping** is now a timed event only, with an aggregate time of 3 attempts. Those making 3 clean catches (slick horns, half head or neck) will be ranked by fastest time, then those making 2 out of 3 clean catches will be ranked by fastest time, followed by those making 1 out of 3 clean catches will be ranked by fastest time. Those who don't catch on any attempt will receive a no time.
3. **Weekend All Around Awards** (previously Weekend High Point) contestants must compete in 2 or more events to be eligible. Will still be awarded to those who earn the most points, but ties will be broken by contestants who earned the most money for that weekend.
4. **NEW RULE – Self Penning** If self penning horses, pens must be no larger than 12x12 per horse (which means if you are penning 2 horses together you may have a 12x24 pen)
5. **Wing Rules** – No warming up will be allowed. There will be a 5 second penalty if hats are lost before the plane of the wings.
6. **Horse sharing** – More concise wording on horse sharing (for Barrel Racing & Pole Bending specifically)

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Breakaway Roping

- Catches will continue to be bell collar for SR, and 'Catch as catch can' for JR/PW which means "the calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop must draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head." – No changes made to rule book wording.
- **#5 Changed** - 30 second time limit applies for all divisions now (Previously was 60 seconds for PW & JR)

Team Roping

- **Change #6** "PW - catch pen gate closed, 3 loops, no barrier, flag start." (Changed ending from "lap and tap" to "flag start")

Chute Dogging

- **NEW RULE** #13 "Tailing based on size of stock and division of contestants at directors discretion for safety purposes."

Grievances

- **Change #13** "A decision must be made within one hour of the end of the rodeo 1 or 2, this decision is final." (Previously stated "before the start of the next performance of that division/event")

Wing Rules

- Add following **NEW RULES** (for better clarification)
    - 8. The plane of the wings on the pattern side is now the arena gate. They must be in full western attire before they pass that plane.
    - 9. There will be designated helpers for juniors and seniors that can help them up to, but not past, the plane of the arena.
    - 10. Those helpers will be designated volunteers that must be in jeans and close-toed shoes.
    - 11. Contestant will not be disqualified for asking for help.

Volunteering

- **# 5 changed** with **NEW RULE** "Volunteer positions inside arena are required to wear jeans and close-toed shoes."

July 14, 2026 Rule Changes

ALTERNATIVE MOTORIZED DEVICES:

1. To ensure the safety of participants, spectators, livestock, staff, and volunteers, the use of scooters, electric scooters (e-scooters), electric bicycles (e-bikes), hoverboards, motorized skateboards, mini-bikes, ATVs, golf carts, and any other motorized personal transportation devices is prohibited on rodeo grounds.
2. This prohibition applies to the entire rodeo facility for the length of the active Rodeo weekend, contestants and their family members.

Exceptions

1. The following exceptions may be permitted:
2. Authorized emergency and medical response vehicles.
3. Rodeo-owned or management-approved utility vehicles.
4. Mobility devices used by individuals with disabilities.
5. Vehicles specifically authorized in writing by rodeo management for operational purposes.

All authorized vehicles must be operated safely and in accordance with rodeo rules.

Disciplinary Actions for Violations

Violations of this policy may result in one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

1. **First Offense**
    - Contestant offense - Disqualification of that days rodeo events and no monetary refund.
    - Family member and/or spectator offense - Removal for the remainder of the days.
    - Immediate removal of the prohibited device from rodeo grounds.
2. **Second Offense**
    - Contestant offense - Disqualification for the remainder of the weekend and no monetary refund.
3. **Third Offense**
    - Contestant offense - Disqualification for remainder of season and no monetary refund.