

### APPENDIX #3 -NARCHC Steer Stopping Rules

In the steer stopping the horse will be judged on the box and barrier, run and rate, and the stop. Judging begins when the horse enters the arena.

1. The penalty for breaking the barrier shall be 5 points.
2. The roper on the horse being judged may throw as many loops as necessary within a 90 second time limit.
3. If more than 1 loop is thrown, the rider must recoil and build additional loops as required. If the rider fails to catch within the 90 second time limit, he/she will retire from the arena with -0- score.
4. Riders are to stay mounted. Loss of rope by the rider is automatic score of -0-.
5. Scoring will be on the basis of 60-80 points, with 70 points being average. Each maneuver will be scored from a plus 3 (excellent), to a minus 3 (extremely poor), in 1/2 point increments. The maneuver scores will be added or subtracted from 70 to come up with the score.
6. Legal catches are both horns, half head or around the neck. If a steer is roped any other way, and the rope can be removed while the rider is still mounted, he/she may continue to rope within the 90 second time limit. If a rider has illegal catch they can attempt to fish the rope off until time is up. Rider cannot ride up and use their hands to physically pull the rope off the steer. A score of -0- will be given for no catch.
7. Arena is to be clear except for the flagger and help to line the cattle. The flagger's only responsibility is to check for legal head catches, either in the arena or at the catch pen.
8. The run is complete when contestant's horse is completely stopped and steer is facing the horse and rider. Once steer is facing the contestant, it is the contestant's responsibility to signal to the judge the run is over.
9. Only one hand on reins is legal.
10. Romal reins and roping reins are legal.
11. If steer leaves the arena during the 90 second time limit, timer will stop the clock. The contestant will carry time and all major penalties that have occurred up to this point over to the new steer. Contestant will receive the new steer lap and tap. (No Barrier)
12. If a judge awards a contestant a new steer, the run will start over clean with no penalties.
13. If a steer is deemed unusable by a judge or show management, that steer will be removed from the pen of cattle used for the competition.
14. Any person wishing to file a complaint regarding an alleged violation may do so by submitting their protest in writing to the NARCHC Office together with a cheque for \$100.00 made payable to the NARCHC within seven (7) days of the discovery of an apparent violation. Complaints filed by an NARCHC Director, Show Representative, Show Management, or Judges do not have to be accompanied by such payment. Upon receipt all complaints will be forwarded to an appointed NARCHC Ethics Committee for investigation, consideration, and disposition. If no action is deemed warranted, the complainant will be notified ending the matter. If the complaint is upheld and disciplinary action deemed to be warranted a recommendation will be made to the NARCHC Board of Directors for their consideration and action. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding on all parties. \$100 will be refunded if the complaint/violation is upheld. (See NARCHC Rule Book Article VIII Disciplinary rules and Procedures)

Steer Stopping - Penalty Points:

**1 point penalties:**

- Nervous in box
- Turns head severely
- Squats in corner
- Stopping crooked

**2 point penalties:**

- Freeze-up in box
- Jumping the barrier
- Scotching
- Missing second loop

**3 point penalties:**

- Missing first loop
- Taking off illegal catch

**5 point penalties:**

- Refusing to enter box
- Breaking barrier
- Rearing up in box
- Running into steer
- Blatant disobedience, defined as kicking, biting, bucking, rearing, striking, or obviously insubordinate.

**0- Score:**

- Loss of rope
- Failure to make legal catch
- Fall of horse or rider.
- Excessive schooling
- Whipping or hitting horse with rope.
- Failure of horse to stop steers forward motion.
- Failure to have steer face horse before dally is released.
- Failure to work in the proper working order.

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- Failure of an exhibitor to attempt to work the pattern

**No Score**

- A. Abuse
- B. Lameness of the horse