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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be Mid-Eastern Team Roping Association.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the organization is to promote team roping.

ARTICLE III

Membership in this organization shall be open to all who are reliable persons, interested in performing in team ropings, providing their applications are accepted. Any person having joined this association will thereby become subject to the rules and the bylaws now in force or later adopted, and shall be subject to expulsion for violation of the same. **Dues will be \$40.00 for one year (Revised July 2007), per person. (NON-REFUNDABLE)**

ARTICLE IV

Officers

The following officers shall be elected by the majority vote of the membership:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary/Treasury
- Six (6) Board Members

1. President: Conduct meetings and general manager.
2. Vice-President: Same as President when President is absent.
3. Secretary/Treasurer: Keep minutes, club records, publish newsletter and keep financial records. The secretary shall collect and have custody of all money belonging to the club. He or she shall maintain a checking account in the name of Mid-Eastern Team Roping Association, and make disbursements as directed by the Board. He or she will keep a record of all money won by ropers in each division: #7 & above, #6, #5, #4, and #3 & Below.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will be the governing body of the Mid-Eastern Team Roping Association, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and six (6) Board Members. The Board will consist of two #6 & Above members, two #5 members, and two #4 or #3 members who must be a member and been competing for at least one year in the METRA Association to be eligible. Effective for the 1999 season any Board member who does not qualify for the finals will receive a METRA Finals jacket.

ARTICLE VI

Rules

Revised March 1999 to adopt current USTRC rules book as a guideline when METRA rules do not exist.

1. Rule changes and amendments to Bylaws will be made by governing body with full notification.
2. Any rule change or amendment to Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors or any Board member.

ARTICLE VII

Quorum

Six (6) Officers/Board of Directors present will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

Election

Elections will be by popular vote of entire membership for the period of a two year term. If a director has a number change while he is serving his/her two year term he will remain a director as his previous number to complete his/her term.

(Revised SEPTEMBER, 2006).

ARTICLE IX

The past President shall serve on the Board of Directors for the following year as Director at Large.

ARTICLE X

Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or simple majority of board members as the situation constitutes, provided all Directors have been notified of the time and place.

1. Unexcused absence from three consecutive meetings by a Board Member shall be deemed cause for dismissal of the Board Member. Members may be excused by notifying the President or Secretary in advance of the meeting except in cases of prolonged absence such as job related or illness. These will have to be decided by the Board.

ARTICLE XI

Robert's Rules of Order will be followed in the conducting of meetings except when they conflict with Bylaws.

MID-EASTERN TEAM ROPING ASSOCIATION

RULES FOR ALL METRA APPROVED ROPINGS INCLUDING METRA FINALS

A. 1. METRA Point Year will end on the Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in September and the new point year will start on Monday. Revised March 2008

2. Membership fees are due December 31st of each year. If not paid, points will be dropped and no new points will be counted until fees for current year are paid.
3. The standings from approved ropings will be based on the dollar system.
4. There will be a minimum of (10) categories:

#7 & Above Header	#7 & Above Heeler
#6 Header	#6 Heeler
#5 Header	#5 Heeler
#4 Header	#4 Heeler
#3 & Below Header	#3 & Below Heeler

5. Revised July 1999 Board Meeting, effective for the year 2000, METRA will not require anyone who ropes at a METRA roping to join METRA Association.

B PAYOFF

1. All METRA ropings shall be paid off according to the following mandatory schedules: (Revised JANUARY 2007)

Schedule A

TEAMS	PLACES	PERCENTS
1-7	1	100%
8-16	2	60% 40%
17-24	3	45% 33% 22%

25-32	4	40% 30% 20% 10%
33-44	5	33% 25% 19% 13% 10%
45-64	6	32% 24% 18% 12% 9% 5%
65-84	7	30% 23% 17% 11% 8% 7% 4%
85-104	8	27% 22% 17% 13% 9% 6% 4% 2%
105-125	9	24% 19% 15% 12% 10% 8% 6% 4% 2%
126-OVER	10	22% 18% 15% 12% 10% 8% 6% 4% 3% 2%

Schedule B

TEAMS	PLACES	PERCENTS
1-10	1	100%
11-25	2	60% 40%
26-40	3	45% 33% 22%
41-60	4	40% 30% 20% 10%
61-80	5	33% 25% 19% 13% 10%
81-100	6	32% 24% 18% 12% 9% 5%
101-125	7	30% 23% 17% 11% 8% 7% 4%
126-150	8	27% 22% 17% 13% 9% 6% 4% 2%
151-200	9	24% 19% 15% 12% 10% 8% 6% 4% 2%
201-OVER	10	22% 18% 15% 12% 10% 8% 6% 4% 3% 2%

Schedule C

TEAMS	PLACES	PERCENTS
1-10	1	100%
11-20	2	60% 40%
21-32	3	45% 33% 22%
33-45	4	40% 30% 20% 10%
46-59	5	33% 25% 19% 13% 10%
60-74	6	32% 24% 18% 12% 9% 5%
75-103	7	30% 23% 17% 11% 8% 7% 4%
104-132	8	27% 22% 17% 13% 9% 6% 4% 2%
133-175	9	24% 19% 15% 12% 10% 8% 6% 4% 2%
176-OVER	10	22% 18% 15% 12% 10% 8% 6% 4% 3% 2%

Round Robins must be paid off by the A payoff schedule and the payoff must be calculated on the number of entries instead of number of teams. Revised June 2007

Go round money may be paid in any non-progressive round, Effective December 1st, 2000.

C. SANCTION RULES & SANCTION FEES

1. A sanctioned METRA roping must be approved by the President or the Board of Directors and stay within the rules of the Association.
2. If more than one (1) METRA roping is approved for the

same date, ropings must be at least 100 miles apart or ropings must take place at least 6 hours apart (example -one roping must start in the morning and the other in the evening to allow ropers enough time to drive and compete at both ropings.) This new mileage rule will be in effect for the point year 2002.

3. All members must be notified, by mail, at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the event either by news-letter or postcard. If a separate mailing must be made, the expense and mailing of information will be the responsibility of the jackpot host.
4. All sanctioned ropings are to have at least one (1) Open roping. Any other ropings are acceptable but no two ropings can be numbered the same. No high end caps can be placed on any ropings.
5. All METRA ropings have a \$3.00 per team taken out for the Association with the exception of Round Robin ropings. Instead of the \$3.00 per team charge, METRA fees will be base on the Round Robin entry fee:

ROUND ROBIN ENTRY FEE	METRA FEE
\$1.00-\$15.00	\$3.00 PER ENTRY
\$16.00-\$25.00	\$4.00 PER ENTRY
\$26.00-\$35.00	\$5.00 PER ENTRY
\$36.00-\$50.00	\$6.00 PER ENTRY

The funds will go toward the year end awards, added money for the finals and normal business expenses.
Revised March 2008

D. ROPER CLASSIFICATION

1. January 2005 Board meeting revised the rule to say Ropers will be classified by the METRA Board using the USTRC Triad numbering system as a guideline. **A METRA member's number cannot be changed up or down unless majority voting METRA Board members agree upon a change in their number. (Revised March 2008.)** Vice President will be responsible for notifying members as to the change. Ropers who are not METRA members with a current year card will be classified by the Board or contractor.
2. Any member whose METRA number or regional address changes during the METRA point year must compete with the most current METRA number. However, if a member holds their METRA number for seven months of the METRA point year, he or she will be allowed to continue to compete for the year end awards in his or her prior classification. For example, if a #5 roper is moved to #6 with more than 7 months in the METRA point year, he must enter each roping as#6, but will be competing for the #5 year end awards.
3. **A METRA member can appeal their METRA classification by writing to the Secretary or a METRA Board Member. Revised March 2008**

If a roper is not a member of METRA, a Contractor or a METRA Board Member will assign or adjust that roper's number. If there is conflict between the Contractor and METRA Board Member the Board Members decision is final.

Revised March 2008

4. As of September 2006 METRA will honor double numbers. Anyone with a double number must contact the secretary to validate your numbers. Anyone who chooses to use the double numbers may only qualify for the finals at the end at which they are numbered. Example-A #6 header with a #5 heeling card may only qualify for the finals as a #6 header and #5 heeler.
5. If roper enters a METRA roping under the wrong classification and places in that roping and if the METRA secretary confirms that this team has entered illegally, the METRA members will loose his or her points for that roping and the teams placing under this illegal team would be awarded their correct points.
Revised September 2006

E. AWARDS

1. Year end awards are awarded to Top 5 headers and heelers in each division.
2. To be eligible to receive a year end, or any other award, you must be a member in good standing, have competed in at least twelve (12) approved ropings. **If a member qualifies twice they must attend 24 approved ropings. (Revised March 2008)**
3. A Sportsmanship Award and a Producer of the Year Award will be voted on by the membership on a yearly election ballot. (Revised September 2006)

F. METRA FINALS

1. To be eligible to compete in the METRA finals, you must be a member in good standing, have competed in at least twelve (12) METRA approved ropings. Revised August 2003.
2. All members must be in good standing with METRA and METRA Contractors. If any member has a debt that is not paid by the October 15, that person will not be allowed to participate at the finals and will not be eligible for any awards. This rule is effective with the 2002 points year. **Contestants that do not pay final fees by the printed deadline will be fined \$50 dollars and this must be paid before they rope at the finals. Revised September 2007.**
3. The format and entry fees for the METRA Finals will be: Effective 2007 season

DIVISIONS	ENTRY FEES	# OF HEAD	# OF BONUS LOOPS
#7 & Above	\$225	5	Progressive
#6	\$200	10	No Bonus Loops
#5	\$150	8	No Bonus Loops
#4	\$125	6	No Bonus Loops
#3 & Below	\$80	4	No Bonus Loops

4. The METRA finals pays 7 places in the average for each division. The payoff percents for the finals are:

METRA FINALS PAYOFF
1st 29%
2nd 22%

3rd 17%
4th 11%
5th 8%
6th 7%
7th 6%

5. At the METRA finals, all Ropers must wear long sleeved shirt, boots and cowboy hat or no hat.
6. The METRA Board will have negotiating power each year for the stock contractors interested in contracting the METRA Finals. Revised February 2003.

G. GENERAL CONTEST RULES

1. Time is to start when animal crosses score line.
2. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit for all Contestants to catch their steer after official time begins. This is 60 seconds before penalties, so in effect a team could have up to 70 seconds (60 seconds plus 5 seconds at the barrier and 5 seconds for a leg catch)
3. Roper is permitted one rope.
4. Any member fifty (50) years of age or older, or female roper, may have the privilege of choosing hard and fast or dally on the heel side.
5. Tab not paid by end of roping day are considered bad debts. A bad debt list will be published in a official publication. This debt must be paid by October 15. Secretary must be notified by contractors with their bad debt by end of point season. Any member with a bad debt is ineligible to participate at METRA finals. Effective 2002 Point season.
6. In the event one team member or significant other of that team member is injured after 1st steer has run, a legal substitute may be used to complete the roping. Effective September 2002. Revised January 2005.

H. BARRIER/FLAGGER

1. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, except when barrier jerks rope out of Contestants hand.
2. When roper crosses the barrier, the steer is his or hers, providing the barrier works correctly.
3. If animal gets out of arena, flag will be dropped and time will be stopped. Contestant gets animal back, lap and tap, with same head catch if animal has been roped. Time when animal left arena will be added.
4. Barrier will not be considered broken unless ring falls within eight (8) feet of post. No metal may be used on jerk line and neck rope that extends beyond front of chute. Barrier must be tied with string only.
5. If contestant breaks or beats the barrier, a five (5) second penalty will be enforced. Revised November 2005
6. Decision of Flagger is final.
7. Time will be stopped when steer is roped by both ends, horses with all four feet on the ground facing the

steer with ropes tight and dallied "L" or better.

8. Ropers must hold dallies until they receive a flag. A dally will be one complete wrap around the saddle horn.
9. Both ropers must be on horses to receive a flag. If, for any reason, the roper leaves his or her horse before the flag drops, he will be flagged out.
10. Header must dally and bend steers head before heeler throws his rope. (No Crossfire rule)
11. Flagger must be mounted on a horse, rule effective 2001

I. LEGAL CATCHES

1. There are three (3) legal head catches: horns, half head, and neck. No other head catches are legal. This must be declared by the flagger at the end of the run.
2. **Once a front leg is caught in any head catch, it is an illegal head catch and a automatic no time unless there is a closed back gate.** Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if the the rope comes on from around the heels. (Revised March 2008)
3. There will be a five (5) second penalty for roping one heel.

J. Re-Runs

1. No reruns will be given due to the hanging of a horn or horns in chute.
2. In the sole opinion of line-judge or flagger, if the gateman fouls the contestant by not releasing the steer when called for by the contestant, the contestant will be awarded a re-run if he or she declares him or herself immediately.
3. If a flag judge mistakenly flags a contestant, he may require the contestant to make run again, regardless of recorded time. Judges rerun decision must be made immediately following original run. If barrier has broken or original run, contestant will get stock back lap and tap with five seconds added to time.
4. Two steer re-run is optional to contractor. For anyone to be eligible to receive two steers, they must have received a completed qualified run. As an example, on a mis-flag, barrier malfunction, a missed time, you must catch your original steer before you get the two steer rule. If a steer, in the opinion of the flagger, eliminates a roper, the steer will be pulled at that time and the team will be given a one steer re-run.

K. ANIMAL HEALTH/ABUSE

1. If an animal is injured in the process of contesting, the contestant will not receive another head during the go-around.
2. All steers must have head wraps when roped.
3. If the Board receives a complaint from a member that the cattle of a contractor are unfit to rope due to physical health and/or injuries, the Board reserves the right to cull the effected steers or to cancel the roping due to the condition of those cattle.

4. Any roper abusing horses or cattle at a METRA roping, as determined by the contractor, the roper will be disqualified and asked to leave. All entries will be forfeited. A member's membership will be revoked if this occurs over twice.
5. Two Board members could ask the contractor to pull an eliminator steer.
6. All fines must be received within ten (10) days prior to the Contractors next roping or this event will not be a METRA sanctioned roping.

L. CONTRACTORS

1. Contractor must be a METRA member.
2. All new contractors will be subject to approval by the Board. Two Board members will inspect cattle, arena, conditions and insure that the contractor has the general knowledge to produce a roping. The Board members will pass their findings on to the President for approval within 30 days of inspection.
3. A copy of these rules and current USTRC Rule Book must be present at all sanctioned ropings. This will be the responsibility of the Contractor.
4. The cattle charge percentage to be taken out will be left to the discretion of the stock contractor. The percentage will be listed as part of that contractors scheduled roping and will be figured after the \$3.00 per team association fee has been taken out.
5. Contractors are to receive a complete METRA membership list for their use in contracting METRA members. A new list should be sent out once a year and each month the secretary shall send out a list of members that have joined in that month and up date the contractors of any changes to other memberships at that time in the form of a newsletter. The new membership list shall be mailed out in the middle of January, after the secretary had had time to delete the members that have not paid for there new membership for that year.
6. Back Up Timer – Effective October 2000, you will not be required to have a back up timer. It will be at the discretion of the stock contractor as to weather to run a back up timer.
7. There must also be a qualified person to work barrier and the contractor must provide a electrical or mechanical barrier for the roping. If for some reason the barrier becomes inoperative you can finish the roping with other means.

M. ROPING SCHEDULE & ENTRIES

1. Contractors are to run ropings in order listed in newsletter. Other events, such as barrel racing, are also to be listed and when they are to be run.
2. If the first steer runs at a contractors roping, the roping may not be rescheduled, regardless of weather conditions thereafter.
3. No rain dates will be allowed for any ropings scheduled from November 1st through March 31st at outdoor arena's.
4. A contractor can move their roping on the day of the roping due to weather circumstances if another arena is available within 25 miles of their arena. Additionally, the time of the roping has to be delayed one hour from the listed time in the newsletter and the contractor must have a person at the original location

available to inform ropers of the move. A sign should also be posted to inform ropers of the change in location. The contractor must also contact the President, Vice-President, or Secretary for approval of the move prior to the move. The contractor who moves the roping uses only the facilities of the new location, nothing else.

5. On the day of a roping, contractor may lower fees for roping but may not raise them.
6. All contractors must have limited entries that must be no higher than seven (7) or not lower than five (5) times. The contractors must publish the number of limited entries in the newsletter.
7. If a roper enters too many times, their money will be taken away from that roper and his partner, depending on the number of times he or she over entered. As an example, if you enter one too many times and place once, that money will be taken away from you and your partner. If you enter one too many times and place twice in the roping, then the top place will be taken away from you and your partner but you would keep the money for the next placing.
8. Contractors must give METRA two (2) month advance notice for money or prizes added to a roping. The notice must state what the dollar amount of money or what prizes will be.
9. A contractor can only have one roping per month. A contractor can only have one 2 day roping per point year. If a contractor elects to have more than one 2 day roping per point year, he must forfeit his next months roping. Effective for 2005 point season, any contractor may have one 2 day roping a year with a 250 mile protection radius, but a contractor wishing to have this protection must add a minimum of \$1,000 dollars or prizes of equal value per day. The contractors must also get this date to the secretary no later than February 1st. **When contractors are producing 2 day ropings, they must have a minimum of 80 head of good cattle and must add a minimum of \$750 per day. (Revised March 2008)** Any contractor having more than one 2 day roping per year cannot reschedule rain dates. The above stipulation takes effect after the contractors first 2 day roping.
10. Round Robins may be held in place of advertised ropings in case of extra small crowd. The number of unadvertised Round Robins to be held may not exceed the number of advertised ropings. Entry fees for all unadvertised Round Robins may not exceed \$50/man/round robin. In the event that more ropers arrive later, you can pick up with numbered ropings. For every Round Robin that was held you must drop that numbered roping in the normal order that was listed in the newsletter. Example, first Round Robin will eliminate first roping, second Round Robin will eliminate second listed roping, etc.
11. Any changes to dates or roping formats must be made to Secretary by the 10th of the month to be included in the next newsletter. If a roping is rained out, the contractor must contact the Secretary as soon as possible to reschedule a rain date. The rain date may be rescheduled anytime after the second weekend of the next month. **No new ropings or rescheduled rain dates will be mailed by postcard by the Association.**

N. ROPING RESULTS

1. Contractors must send results and all money collected to secretary within fourteen (14) days. First offence receives warning, second offence \$25 fine.
2. All fines must be received within ten (10) days prior to the contractors next roping or this event will not be METRA sanctioned roping.
3. Contractors must send in entry sheets or contestants list with every roping for points to count. Contestants list will either be compiled by contractor or will consist of a sign-up sheet made available to

the ropers the day of the roping.

If contractor uses the card system or entry records they must keep info until after the end of the point year. (Revised March 2008)

4. New contractors results and money must be received before the next roping will be advertised in the newsletter.

O. NEWSLETTER

1. Every member will be sent a newsletter. Household which has more than one member may contact secretary and request more than one mailing of the newsletter.

P. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. If METRA Board meeting continues until 11:00PM, the Board will adjourn and reconvene the following Monday.
2. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be paid \$4800/year. This person must have been a METRA member for at least 12 months, have knowledgeable secretary/treasurer skills, and be able to operate a computer. The Secretary/Treasurer position must be approved by the Board before the name can be put on the ballot to be voted on.