# 2025 RULE BOOK



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#### Name

The name of this society shall be All-Pro Canadian Chuckwagon and Chariot Association, hereinafter known as APCC&CA

#### Jurisdiction

The operations of the APCC&CA are to be mainly carried on in the Province of Alberta.

### **BYLAWS**

#### **SECTION 1: POWER**

- **1.1** The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee).
- **1.2** The Executive Committee shall consist of:
  - 1.2.1 President
  - **1.2.2** Vice President
  - 1.2.3 Secretary
  - 1.2.4 Treasurer
  - **1.2.5** And all other members elected to committee positions.
- **1.3** No member not in good standing will be allowed to hold a position on the Executive Committee or any other committee constituted by the association.
- **1.4** There shall also be the following committees appointed by the general membership on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October every 2 years to hold office:
- **1.5** Review Committee consisting of a committee chairperson in addition to the President and Vice President and three general members.
- **1.6** Show Committee consisting of 5 general members in addition to the President.
  - **1.6.1** 2 Show Directors for North Shows
  - 1.6.2 3 Show Directors for South Shows
- **1.7** Measuring Committee consisting of a committee chairperson in addition to the President and two general members
- **1.8** Promotions Committee consisting of a committee chairperson in addition to the President.
- **1.9** Any elected committee member who has been put on probation, or had their membership suspended, or revoked, shall be immediately removed from that position.

- **1.10** Any vacant position will be filled by an existing committee member voted by the executive committee and will be voted on at the next general meeting.
- **1.11** The legislation of rulemaking power of the APCC&CA shall be held by the general membership except as otherwise set out herein, but the supervision over the business and affairs of the APCC&CA shall be left to the executive committee and the related committees.
- **1.12** Any member who has been placed on probation, suspended, or had their membership revoked will not hold an executive position for 2 years following the date of their incident.

#### **SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 Membership in the Association shall be open to those persons resident in Canada and the United States who have reached the age of majority in the Province of Alberta or elsewhere where racing may occur and who wish to become active participants in APCC&CA events or if under the age of majority have guardianship consent.
- **2.2** The association shall have 4 classifications of membership
  - **2.2.1** <u>General Membership</u>: for anyone of the age 16+. They will pay membership fees as set from time to time. They will have voting rights.
  - **2.2.2** <u>Junior Membership:</u> for ayone of the age of 6 16 years old. They will pay a membership fee as set from time to time. They will have no voting rights.
  - **2.2.3** <u>Associate Membership:</u> for anyone of the age 16+. They will pay a membership fee as set from time to time. They will have no voting rights.
  - **2.2.4** <u>Lifetime Membership:</u> To receive a lifetime horary membership, it must be voted on by the executive committee. They will be full voting rights as a general member.
- **2.3** All members shall be bound by the laws and rules written within the APCC&CA Rule Book, or as established by the Association from time to time at the annual general meeting or a meeting called for the purpose of review and amendment to the Rules.

- **2.4** Membership shall be open to such persons connected with chuckwagon and chariot racing. However, they must be approved by the review committee.
- **2.5** Any membership fee shall be set accordingly each year by the membership of the APCC&CA.
- **2.6** Annual membership fees will be payable on or before the annual general meeting each year.
- **2.7** General members who do not pay apply and pay for memberships on or before Measuring Day of that year will have a late fee of \$25.00 applied to the general membership fee for that year
- **2.8** All general membership or in case of junior members signed by a guardian will be required to sign waivers before permitted to race
- **2.9** All general members in good standing shall be eligible to vote, hold office, drive chuckwagons and chariots, and accumulate points or money as determined by the general members of the APCC&CA
- **2.10** Only general members in good standing shall be allowed to participate at races, vote, or hold office.
- **2.11** Any non-members will be unable to sit in at a general meeting.
- **2.13** A person and his/her outfit shall cease to be a general member of the APCC&CA upon the following:
  - a) Letter of resignation to the APCC&CA
  - b) His/her death
  - c) Being suspended
  - d) Not paying a fine levied by the Review Committee
  - e) New general members wanting to join the APCC&CA that are currently under review by the review committee.
  - f) Has any outstanding bills for longer than 3 months that the club has had to pay for. (Ex. Vet Bills)
  - **2.11.1** Following the result of any of the above items listed in 2.12 A through E. Membership fee's will not be refunded in whole or in part.
- **2.14** New general members shall be on probation for one year, and then their general membership shall be reviewed by the review committee.

- **2.15** Any general member who has not withdrawn from general membership nor has been suspended nor expelled shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the association.
- **2.16** To remain any type of member in good standing the member must not be under review or suspended due to any actions outlined in article 3.3 a) through m) and have paid all fines from previous years owing on or before the Annual General Meeting.
- **2.17** Permits: If a person would like to race at a single show and does not want to buy a full membership we will have a single show permit aviable for purchase. If the person would like to run at any show after that they must buy a full membership. The cost for a permit will be \$75. Permit must be paid upon entry.

#### **SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP & DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- **3.1** General memberships can be reviewed by the review committee at any time.
- **3.2** The review committee has the power to cancel general memberships of those not in good standing.
- **3.3** Any member will be disciplined by the review committee for the following actions:
  - a) Fighting
  - b) Abuse, mistreatment or doping of horses
  - c) Racing illegally measured horses
  - d) Racing unmeasured horses
  - e) Racing illegal wagons or chariots
  - f) Driving a chuckwagon or chariot under the influence of alcohol or for carrying alcohol unlicensed in the infield or by the host committee discretion
  - g) Failing to cancel entry to a show before the deadline without a valid reason. A fine will be imposed if reason is invalid.
  - h) Repeatedly causing accidents on the track
  - i) Using a substitute driver without the permission of the show committee

- j) Undesirable conduct or language in public
- k) Abusive conduct or language towards judges and officials leaving the infield before the races are over without the permission of the show committee.
- I) Infraction of any bylaw or rule of the APCC&CA
- m) Running the committee or club down with parking lot talk
- **3.4** Any membership can be revoked based on the following:
  - **3.4.1** On the decision of a majority vote of the Review Committee at a meeting called for that purpose on 12 hours' notice
  - **3.4.2** On the decision of the majority vote of the Executive Committee at a meeting of the executive called on 12 hours' notice
  - **3.4.3** On the member failing to sign the required acknowledgement of the then current rules on or before measuring day as herein established.
- **3.5** Any membership can be suspended based on the following:
  - **3.5.1** On the decision of a majority vote of the Review Committee at a meeting called for that purpose on 12 hours' notice
  - **3.5.2** On the decision of the majority vote of the Executive Committee at a meeting called on 12 hours' notice
  - **3.5.3** On the general member failing to sign the required acknowledgement of the then current rules on or before the first day of racing.
- **3.6** If the Review Committee has been notified of any violations of the Bylaws or Rules that could result in a membership suspension/revoking. The Review committee shall then investigate to deem the severity of the situation. If it is deemed a suspension or revoking of membership is a likely outcome, the review committee shall hold a hearing as soon as reasonably practical. The hearing shall following the following guidelines:
  - **3.6.1** The general member has the right to be in attendance to present his/her review and to appeal the cancellation of his/her membership of the APCC&CA.
  - **3.6.2** The hearing shall follow the following format:
    - a) Call to order.

- b) Statement of alleged violation including the reading of written reports, oral evidence, or decision of a judge at a racing event
- c) Response/Appeal by the member so charged to be limited to 10 minutes unless otherwise determined by the Review Committee
- d) In camera discussion by the Review Committee members
- **3.6.3** In attendance at the hearing shall be the President, Review Committee Chair, and 3 Review Committee Members. President will not have a vote on the situation unless there is a tie.
- **3.7** After a hearing is held the Review committee may then discipline the member by:
  - a) Written notice
  - b) Penalties
  - c) A fine, disqualifications, or refraction of winnings and/or points
  - d) Probation, suspension, expulsion or whatever is considered by the review committee to be just and reasonable in the circumstances. Or referral to the executive for further action which may include revocation of any membership.

#### SECTION 4: MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE & MEMBERSHIP

- **4.1** The annual general meeting of the APCC&CA shall be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October each year, with the fiscal year end to be October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- **4.2** Meetings of the APCC&CA may be called anytime by the Secretary upon instructions of the President or Vice President by written notice via official club website or email to the last known email address of each general member two weeks previous to the date of such meeting.
- **4.3** A quorum of 30% of the general membership will be required at all general meetings and 30% of executive at all executive meetings.
- **4.4** Making, altering, and rescinding of bylaws or the constitution or the rules and regulations and the chuckwagon and chariot rules may only be done by a majority of general members in good standing with the APCC&CA and must be worded properly for effective enforcement, and must be for the best interest and good of the APCC&CA in general and must not conflict with a rule otherwise enforced

- **4.5** All voting at the annual meeting will be done by secret ballot.
- **4.6** The Executive Committee shall hold a meeting when deemed necessary.
- **4.7** All meetings shall follow an agenda.
- **4.8** All general members shall register at a general meeting in order to vote.
- **4.9** Voting by proxy shall be allowed when special resolutions to amend these bylaws and/or are presented to the general membership otherwise voting by proxy will not be allowed and only at the AGM.

#### SECTION 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**5.1** The executive committee shall, subject to the bylaws or directions given it by the majority vote at any meeting properly called have full control and management of the affairs of the APCC&CA. Meetings of the executive committee shall be held as often as may be required and shall be called by the president or vice president. A special meeting may be called on the instructions of any two committee members thereof provided they request the president to call such a meeting in writing stating the business to be brought before the meeting, provided however that any business transaction at such a meeting shall be ratified at the next regular general meeting of the APCC&CA, otherwise they shall be null and void.

#### 5.2 **President role and duties:**

- a) Shall be elected by the general members of the APCC&CA for a term of two years.
- b) Shall sit on all committees.
- c) Shall be present to chair at all committee meetings of the APCC&CA
- d) Shall have free discussion but no vote except in case of a tie
- e) Shall run the affairs of the APCC&CA in accordance with the "Alberta Societies Act"
- f) President will hold the role of show co-committee/co-director for all limited shows, if they are not attending the limited show this role will be handled by the Vice President.

#### 5.3 Vice President role and duties

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- a) Shall be elected from the general members of the APCC&CA for a term of two years.
- b) Shall assume the duties of the president in his/her absence.
- c) Shall assume more than 1 committee if need be.

#### 5.4 Secretary role and duties:

- a) Shall be elected by the general members of the APCC&CA for a term of two years.
- b) Shall attend all meetings of the association, if possible
- c) Shall keep minutes, correspondence, and other reports as required.
- d) Shall have no vote at any APCC&CA meeting.
- e) Shall have custody of the seal of the Association.
- f) Shall maintain a register of all APCC&CA members.
- g) Shall maintain a register of all horses measured under the APCC&CA measuring rules.
- h) Shall also keep record of all the members of the APCC&CA and their addresses, send all notices of the various meetings as required.
- The office of the Secretary/Treasurer shall split monies according to the contract and pay out of all prize money as set by the APCC&CA

#### 5.5 Treasurer role and duties:

- a) Shall be elected by the general members of the APCC&CA for a term of two years.
- b) Shall attend all meetings of the association, if possible
- c) Shall keep correspondence and other reports as required.
- d) If unable to attend a meeting shall ensure that the books are sent to the meeting
- e) Shall take care of the money matters by way of receipts and cheques concerning the APCC&CA
- f) Shall have no vote at any APCC&CA meeting.
- g) Shall present the audited books at the fall general meeting.
- h) Shall have custody of the seal of the Association.
- i) Shall maintain a register of all APCC&CA members.

- j) Shall also collect and receive the annual dues or assessments levied by the APCC&CA for deposit in the bank, trust company, treasury branch or credit union.
- k) Shall receive all monies paid to the APCC&CA and shall be responsible for the deposit of the same to whatever bank, trust company, treasury branch or credit union.
- I) He/she shall properly account for the funds of the APCC&CA and keep such books as may be directed.
- m) He/she shall present a full detailed account of receipts and disbursements to the executive committee whenever requested and shall prepare for submission to the annual meeting a statement duly audited as hereinafter set forth of the financial position of the APCC&CA.
- n) The office of the Secretary/Treasurer shall split monies according to the contract and pay out of all prize money as set by the APCC&CA

#### 5.6 Auditing Requirements:

- a) The books, accounts and records of the Treasurer shall be audited once each year by a duly qualified accountant or by two (2) members of the APCC&CA elected for that purpose at the annual general meeting. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted by such auditor at the annual general meeting of the APCC&CA. The fiscal year of the APCC&CA in each year shall be the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October.
- b) The books and records of the APCC&CA may be inspected by any general member of the APCC&CA at the annual general meeting provided for herein or after anytime upon giving a reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the Treasurer. Each member of the executive committee shall always have access to such books and records. The books are records shall be available to the members for inspection at every annual general meeting of the members upon request.

#### 5.7 Show Committee Role and duties:

- a) Committee shall be appointed by the APCC&CA general members for a term of 2 years.
- b) Shall be a member in good standing and be accepted by the APCC&CA

- c) Shall negotiate contracts with the various host organizations to have race meets or contracted shows in his/her area.
- d) Shall control, communicate and delegate as necessary between the host organization members to put on the best show possible.
- e) Shall enforce the bylaws, and rules and regulations at each race meet.
- f) Shall hire competent judges to start and judge races. They will take care of organizing their entries, timers, judges and announcer.
- g) Shall turn into the APCC&CA secretary a list of winners after each race meet the day following the show.
- h) Shall turn into the APCC&CA secretary a copy of the payout sheets for each race meet the day after the race meet.
- i) Shall have contracts signed and submitted to the secretary no later than June 1.
- j) Shall elect an infield personnel to set barrels 10-24-15
- k) Shall ensure all memberships are paid prior to taking entry of personnel.
- I) Shall ensure any specific demands or request required by the fair board are clearly outlined in the show contract.
- m) Show Director to appoint a member to the review committee to fill in on protest reviews when there are not three members from the review committee present at that show.

#### 5.8 Measuring Committee Role & Duties:

- a) Committee shall be appointed by the APCC&CA general members for a term of 2 years
- b) Shall conduct and organize all official measuring put on by the APCC&CA
- c) To establish a date for measuring
- d) Will ensure there is no one behind the camera except the measuring committee, president, and the vice president if it is not deemed a closed measure.
- e) See also section 6.0 Measuring for more detailed outline of duties

#### 5.9 **Promotions Committee Role & Duties:**

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- a) To promote and collect money for the APCC&CA.
- b) To ensure that proper banners and logos in present in the infields and on the website.
- c) To handle all coordination of corporate sponsorship requirements with show directors.

#### 5.10 Review and Disciplinary Committee Role & Duties:

- a) Review and update the APCC & CA Bylaws, Rules, & Regulations
- b) Review all membership applications.
- c) The decision of the Review Board to accept or reject new membership application for that year is final.
- d) Update or change the general membership application form.
- e) Work in conjunction with the measuring crew, to deal with all memberships at horse measure.
- f) Members of the committee are the disciplinary Board for Hurt Horses.
- g) Members of the committee are the disciplinary Board for behavior conduct.

#### 5.10 **Proceedings of the Executive Committee:**

- a) Each member of the executive committee shall uphold the constitution of the APCC&CA and enforce the bylaws and rules and regulations at the best of their abilities.
- b) No member of the executive committee shall be compensated for being or acting as a member of the executive committee, but may be reimbursed for expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred while engaged in the affairs of the APCC&CA.
- c) Any decision or vote made by a member of the executive committee shall be made with the best interest of the APCC&CA in mind and shall not reflect any personal interest.
- d) Any executive committee member who has a personal interest in an APCC&CA matter shall excuse themselves from the proceedings in that matter and shall abstain from voting on that matter.

- e) Any executive committee member may check an APCC&CA member's horses or equipment at any time except in the case of a vacancy.
- f) Any member of the executive committee may be removed by "special resolution" of the APCC&CA and that position shall be elected by the general membership of the APCC&CA.
  - 1. When an item of business requires a special resolution there must be a majority of 75% of the votes cast at the meeting.
- g) No member of the executive committee may hold more than one office or position at any one time except the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer.
- h) The president and show committee chairman shall be paid for expenses as the amount to be specified by the general membership at the AGM.
- i) The Secretary shall be paid for expenses and the honorarium amount specified by the general membership at the AGM.
- j) The Treasurer shall be paid for expenses and the honorarium the amount specified by the general membership at the AGM.
- k) All APCC&CA cheques shall be signed by either the Secretary, Treasurer &/or the President.
- Any bills to the APCC&CA must be paid by cheque or EFT on receipt or expense vouchers. Receipts will be issued for all transactions.

#### **SECTION 6: MEASURING**

- **6.1** Any horses to be ran in APCC&CA limited show must be measured by an approved method.
- **6.2** To ensure that measurement stays consistent rules and guidelines will be introduced as necessary.
- **6.3** Measuring Committee will establish a date and host the official APCC&CA Measuring at least once a year.
  - **6.3.1** A second Measure may be held later in the spring at the discretion of the measuring committee/executive committee.
- 6.4 APCC&CA Measuring Rules/Guidelines:

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- a) The measure shall be 58  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches using a 4ft laser line.
- b) To measure the horse will be led under the 4ft flat laser line with the head or neck no lower than the wither.
- c) The Handler (person leading the horse) must be an APCC&CA general member.
- d) Bridles may be used. Halter shanks must be attached to the halter. Horses must be led by the shank only, applying no pressure to the shank and no touching the horse. No twitches allowed.
- e) The horse will be given three (3) attempts to pass under the laser (if necessary).
- f) Three (3) attempts is the maximum allowed attempts. No Exceptions.
- g) If the highest part of the horse's wither goes under at any point within the 4ft flat laser line, it will be deemed as measured in.
- h) If beam hits high point of the wither, the horse is measured out (failed attempt).
- i) All measure outs will be branded on the left foot.
- j) Horses that are 2-4 year olds will be hoof branded on the right foot.
- k) All horses that are measured in at 5 years or older may be freeze branded C over C on the right shoulder
- Horses with at least two (2) five (5) year teeth through will be judged as a full mouth and in for life.
- **6.5** All horses measured will be judged by the measuring committee, backed by video camera.
- **6.6** All horses will be micro chipped and have records kept with the secretary of the APCC&CA.
- **6.7** New general members horses may be checked for brands before they run with the association.
- **6.8** Any out of province clubs may come and observe the measure at their own expense.
- 6.9 Decision of measuring committee for qualification to race is final.

#### **SECTION 7: GENERAL PROVISONS**

- 7.1 The APCC&CA shall have no borrowing power.
- **7.2** Notice of the general meetings shall be given by way of email, posted on website, to the members in good standing
- **7.3** Records of race payout sheets to be kept by the Secretary/Treasurer for inspection by the general members and handed out after each show.
- **7.4** All race meets sanctioned by the APCC&CA will be run or supervised by the show committee under the APCC&CA bylaws, rules and regulations.
  - **7.4.1** This includes scheduled "fun runs". If any member is hosting a "fun run" executive committee of the APCC&CA must be notified for insurance purposes.
- **7.5** The executive committee or APCC&CA shall assume no responsibility for injury or damage to the persons, property, or stock, of any owner, contestant, or assistant.
- **7.6** The APCC&CA shall maintain and enforce a set of rules known as the "Rules and Regulations" regarding terms, standards, conduct and administration of races and members at contract shows.
- **7.7** Any association member may run in any other association if they so choose.
- 7.8 All entries will close Sunday before the show starts.
- 7.9 All monies won will be paid out in cheque or EFT format.
- **7.10** All horses cannot run more than once a day at any one given show, unless a legitimate claim is made to the show committee.
- **7.11** General members can enter two shows in one day providing one show is over before the other begins.
- **7.12** The deadline for signing an APCC&CA point show shall be June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and must be submitted to the secretary at that time.
- **7.13** A club and its members will be considered affiliated with the APCC&CA if they follow the constitution, bylaws and rules of this APCC&CA and is accepted by general membership.

- **7.14** Payout is total dollars won at each show with a maximum payout to guarantee in the day money provided that the show committee meets the guarantee shall have the power and the discretion to approve an alternate payout structure.
- 7.15 Payout will be a per horse format.
- 7.16 Corporate monies will not be paid out until it is collected.
- **7.17** Bylaws, rules and regulations have been drawn up to cover most circumstances but judges and/or show committee have the right in fairness to all concerned to make or recommend further rules and regulations which do not conflict with the current rules and regulations or these bylaws.
- **7.18** The executive committee shall make available to all members printed or digital copies of the bylaws and all rules and regulations currently enforced by the APCC&CA. The executive committee may charge a reasonable fee to offset the cost of such printed materials e.g. photocopying.
- 7.19 The rule book will be updated annually as determined.
- **7.20** A waiver must be signed at the start of each race season by each member before he/she is allowed to race. This waiver will state they have read and will abide by the rule book.
- **7.21** To be considered for entry into limited shows members must have raced at 8 APCC&CA Shows in the previous season. If the show is not filled, the executive committee will go down the list to 7, 6, 5, etc. attended shows until the limited show is filled.

#### **SECTION 8: GENERAL RULES**

#### 8.1 Members & Drivers

- a) Every general member must be knowledgeable of the bylaws and rules and regulations.
- b) General members in good standing may drive two wagons and two chariots in any APCC&CA sanctioned shows. Under special circumstances, general members may be able to run 3 outfits with permission from the review and show committee.
- c) Each wagon or chariot outfit must have their own wagon or chariot except in the case of an accident in which the wagon or chariot has been damaged.

- d) Any driver who is injured or becomes ill may use another general member to drive his/her outfit with the approval of the show committee and review committee.
- e) Any APCC&CA general member must have approval of the show committee and review committee to use a substitute driver.

#### 8.2 Rookie Drivers

- a) A Rookie driver is a driver that has never ran in a sanctioned show.
- b) Rookie wagon and chariot drivers must be the full age of fifteen. A copy of the birth certificate is to be sent to the Secretary by the first day of May of each year. Chariot drivers may be 14 if there is a written consent and will be subject to the review board for evaluation.

#### 8.3 Holders

- a) Each wagon outfit must have a holder.
- b) Each chariot outfit may have a holder if so desired but not compulsory.
- c) Holder must go the fastest way out of the infield without interfering with the other outfits.

#### 8.4 Attire

- a) Driver and Holder must have matching APCC&CA colored jackets to match their barrel positions.
- b) Barrel Position and the corresponding-colored jacket are as follows:
  - Barrel 1- White
  - Barrel 3 Red
  - Barrel 3 Black
  - Barrel 4 Yellow
- c) Helmets and flak jackets may be worn on the track.
- d) Any footwear chosen by the driver will be permitted.

#### 8.5 Expenses

- a) Expenses for shows may be taken out of show/prize money.
- b) Timers shall be paid accordingly per day for each show:
  - \$100 per day to be given to the head timer.
  - \$75 per day to be divided with the helpers.
- c) \$25/day will be paid to the person running the infield camera

#### 8.6 Equipment

- a) A horn is to be used as the starting signal for all races.
- b) Equipment must be in good order. Any equipment may be ordered repaired by the show committee and review committee and these repairs must be done before it can be used in a race.
- c) Barrels used for chuckwagon are chariots are to be plastic.
- d) Corner Camera's will be present at all limited shows with 4-barrel positions. All other shows are up to the director's discretion.
- e) Rail will be flagged up the track. Outfits must drive to the flag before turning to come into the barrels. Distance 150 feet where possible

#### 8.7 Horses

- a) No horse under two years old shall be allowed to run in any race
- b) Horses that are thin, underfed, and not properly cared for shall not be permitted to race, and general members may be fined or suspended by the review committee and/or executive committee.
- c) Each owner may be responsible for the cost of drug testing for any horse that tests positive for any performance enhancing substance hooked on his/her own outfit, if show committee requests.
- d) If medication is required for any horse during a show the APCC&CA general members must receive show committee's permission stating what and why they are giving horse(s) the medication.
- e) Random testing for drugs can be carried out at the track at the discretion of the government veterinarian.

#### 8.8 Fines

- a) A fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) per outfit will be levied for not canceling the entry to a show before the closing date without a valid reason. All outstanding fines must be paid in full before acceptance to any APCC&CA shows, with guidance from the review board.
- Anyone leaving a show early without a legitimate excuse or without the show committee's permission will be fines one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) or suspended until further notice.
- Anyone seen giving horses anything by syringe with needles without the show committee's permission will be disqualified from the show and fined one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)

- d) Drivers are not to talk to the judges directly. They are to make complaint to the selected members appointed by the review committee. Drivers will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) if they go directly to judges about infractions. The review committee will confront the starter concerning a bad start.
- e) There will be fifty dollars (\$50) fine if manure is not piled or removed after each meet unless the show committee is told not to.
- f) There will be a min. fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) to a max. of one thousand (\$1000) and a deduction of points, for a hurt horse, to be decided by rules committee, if there is a penalty called. Refer to page 20 Schedule A. for breakdown of fines and deductions.
- g) Only the signed director or a member given permission by the signing director has permission to contact the fair board regarding the signed show. If fair board complains about a member contacting them that isn't the signing director, they will be fined two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250)

#### 8.9 Limited Shows

- a) Limited shows may not count as point shows unless there is another show or there is no waiting list. If another show is on at the same time. The same number of days will be used as points on overlapped shows, If the days do not coincide the first days shall be selected.
- b) Any member that has 2 outfits entered in a limited show does not needs to find an alternate driver, unless the fair board states otherwise in their contract.
- c) Any outfit that qualifies for a limited show but unable to attend, the spot will then be given to the outfit who is next in line based on points and complies with 7.21 of the rule book.

#### 8.10 Complaints/Suspensions/Incidents

- a) Any member that pursues legal action against the association will be immediately suspended. Such suspension to continue indefinitely.
- b) In each race season, if a member is given letters regarding 3 separate incidents of conduct, the review committee will have his/her membership up for review which may involve fines/probation and or suspension but not revocation of membership.
- c) A member may be automatically suspended or have their membership revoked by the review committee or the executive committee for failure to comply with these rules.

- d) Any complaints concerning a member and/or people associated with their camp must be submitted in writing to the review committee and a copy to the secretary within 48 hours following the incident. It must be dated and signed. Any complaints not issued in writing maybe under review.
- e) Suspension of a general member may include his outfit, pending review and/or executive committee hearing.

#### 8.11 Points

- a) The APCC&CA season will be run by a point system. Each outfit will start with 5 points and increase by 1 point to the guarantee of the payout. Outfits that make it to the track will be rewarded with 5 points. If an outfit is given demerits, that outfit will not receive their points for that day.
- b) If an outfit attends a show and there is a rain out day or portion of a rain out day. All outfits that do not get to run because of the rain will receive 5 points.
- c) If an outfit is entered in a show and cannot make the show on time, no points will be awarded.
- d) An outfit whose time is affected through no fault of his/her own will get the average running time from that heat, plus his/her own penalties incurred previous to and following the foul. If no one crosses the finish line in that heat, times will be the average from the heat before and the heat after plus his/her own penalties.

#### 8.12 Timing

- a) All times plus penalties are to be posted each day and totaled on the final day.
- b) When time sheets are handed out, there is a 1-hour window to discuss penalties with the review committee with \$100
- c) If there is clerical error on the time sheets, it can be fixed after the race, when reviewed with the judges and review committee within 1 hour of time sheets being printed.
- d) Timing shall be done by the club camera/electronic timer. Back up of stop watches to be used in the event the club timer malfunctions, stop watches must be started simultaneously with the club timer/video. The time given to an outfit will be the part of the horse recorded touching the finish line first whether it be the nose or foot.

#### 8.13 Payments/Prize Money

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- a) There will be a \$25 service charge for all NSF cheques
- b) All payments are to be made to the show committee designate and no petty cash will be kept on hand
- c) All APCC&CA Show payouts will pay up to 32 wagons.

#### 8.14 Other

- a) Any APCC&CA point show may be signed by a show committee member.
- b) An ambulance must be present at all APCC&CA shows. A vet will be on site if possible and on call.
- c) All outfits may be in the infield before the start of the races and at the discretion of the show committee must remain in the infield until the races are completed.
- d) Drivers shall have reliable help that is of the age 12 years and older to hold outfits in the infield while the races are on.
- e) If an Insurance claim is made for property damaged by a chuckwagon or chariot outfit the person responsible will pay fifty percent (50%) of the deductible up to one thousand dollars (\$1000).
- f) Show committee shall request that all hosting organizations allow two passes per wagon and one pass per chariot. If drivers are charged at the gate, then they may be reimbursed. Show committee will give an entry list for judges, barrel judges (who have not received a pass a driver), announcer, timers, and camera personnel names for passes to gate personnel.

#### **SECTION 9: CHUCKWAGON RULES**

- **9.1** A chuckwagon outfit consists of a legal wagon drawn by four (4) horses measured under the APCC&CA accepted measurement.
- **9.2** Wagons can be weighed at any show.
- **9.3** Wagon weight must be a minimum of five hundred fifty (550) pounds dry without the driver. Only one chance shall be given to get the weight up to proper weight.
- **9.4** Wagon wheels must be iron or steel.
- **9.5** Wagon wheel must not be more than forty-three (43) inches in height.
- **9.6** Wagon wheels must not track more than sixty-two (62) inches in width.
- **9.7** Wagon box length must be between seven (7) and nine (9) feet.

- **9.8** Wagon box width must be between thirty-four (34) and thirty-eight (38) inches.
- **9.9** Wagon wheels may be equipped with ball or roller bearings.
- **9.10** Wagon wheels must not be equipped with rubber tires.
- **9.11** All wagon wheels must have wooden or false fellies.
- **9.12** Wagon wheels must not turn under wagon box.
- **9.13** If a wagon is found to be infraction of section 9.4 9.12 the driver will be given a reasonable time to fix the issue or be not allowed to run said wagon depending on the discretion of the review committee.
- **9.14** Each outfit must do a figure eight around their designated set of barrels. Positions will be drawn for the first day and thereafter will be changed i.e.: one to two, two to three, three to four and four to one. Any shows that are 2 days, barrels 1 and 3 will switch, barrel 2 will stay the same.
- **9.15** Barrels shall be as follows but also according to the infield shape and size, at the discretion of the infield committee. Barrels should be set so that barrels 3 or 4 can come straight out to the track.
- **9.16** A legible chalk line (mark) between top barrels must be used as a guide for judging interference. Mark to be midway between top barrels.
- **9.17** Each outfit shall have a name on the canvas.
- **9.18** All four horses can be changed on a wagon outfit if they have not been on any other outfit in that show on that day.

#### **SECTION 10: CHARIOT RULES**

- **10.1** A chariot consists of a legal chariot drawn by two horses measured under the APCC&CA accepted measure and the APCC&CA
- **10.2** Chariot must be of basket type and wheels enclosed.
- **10.3** Chariot width must be between thirty-six (36) and forty-eight (48) inches.
- **10.4** Wheel size must be rubber four (4) inches by eight (8) inches.
- **10.5** Bearings will be allowed.
- **10.6** For limited cart shows, only drivers that run strictly carts can enter first according to points.
- **10.7** Each outfit must do a figure eight around their designated set of barrels. Positions will be drawn for the first day and thereafter will be changed i.e.: one to two, two to three, three to four and four to one. On a 2-day show, barrels 1 and 3 switch and barrel 2 stays the same.

- **10.8** Barrels to be set as illustrated in rule fourteen of the chuckwagon rules, but also according to infield shape and size.
- **10.9** A legible chalk line (mark) between top barrels must be used as a guide for judging interference. Mark to be midway between top barrels.
- **10.10** Both horses can be changed on a chariot outfit if they have not been on any other outfit in that show on that day

#### SECTION 11: PENALTIES

#### 11.1 One Second Penalties

a) Lead driver must select his or her lane prior to the homestretch run and maintain that position. There will be a 1 second penalty if the lead outfit drifts away down the homestretch.

#### 11.2 Two Second Penalties

- a) Short or rolled up sleeves (driver or holder)
- b) No western hat at the start of a race (hard hat excepted)
- c) If driver and holder's jackets don't match
- d) Holder interfering with other contestants.
  - a. Holder assistance after the horn holders are allowed to pull start the horse they are holding as long as they don't disengage from the horse, they can hold on till the top barrel and it will not be deemed Holder's assistance.
- e) Holder knocking over a barrel.
- f) Wagon/chariot starting ahead of the horn.
- g) Driver interference with another driver after the race
- h) Whipping with the line ends, substitutes or slapping with hands.
- i) Rear wheel being ahead of track barrel when the horn blows.
- j) Canvas or sign coming loose and flapping or falling down/off during a race.
- k) Dragging lines

- I) Being slow coming into barrels or deliberately holding up the start of the race as called by starter/Judge.
- m) An outfit that causes a false start will be assessed a 2 second penalty per false start with a max. of 3 load ins. Third time loading in the race continues regardless.
  - a. After the first outfit entering the barreling area is past the infield post, a false start will be called if needed.
  - b. If a driver is assessed 2 false starts, that driver will receive a no time and be asked to leave the barreling area

#### 11.3 Five Second Penalties

- a) Knocking over a barrel (five seconds each) if the pin is showing under the barrel, it will be considered a knocked barrel.
- b) Off course in barreling area will be called if you break the figure eight pattern. Off course can also be called on the track.
- c) Touching the barrel with free hand to avoid barrel from tipping over.

#### 11.4 Ten Second Penalties

a) Missing a barrel (ten seconds for each barrel missed)

#### 11.6 Five to Ten Seconds/Fines/Suspensions

- a) Interference with another outfit
  - a. Interference is defined as: A driver forcing a change in another drivers line or trajectory on the track.
  - b. Interference can be called regardless of a track appointed time.
- b) Aggressive gestures by the holder towards the horse after the team enters the infield.

#### 11.6 Two to Twelve Seconds/Fines/Suspensions

- a) Foul or abusive language
- b) Abusive gestures

#### 11.7 Appealing Fines/Suspensions

a) Any member can make a written appeal that a fine or suspension can be reviewed, ratified, or dismissed by the Executive Committee.

#### SECTION 12: RULES AND REGULATIONS OF JUDGES

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- **12.1** Judges must wear cowboy hats and western shirts or appropriate attire.
- **12.2** Judges and/or show committee may disqualify a member for one or more days if he/she had been guilty of a deliberate infraction of the APCC&CA bylaws or rules and regulations.
- **12.3** When penalties, fines or suspensions are assessed, decisions are final.
- **12.4** There will be one judge per barrel position.
- **12.5** Judges shall be appointed or hired by the show committee in charge of the race meet.
- **12.6** One judge shall start the races and observe infractions in the starting area.
- **12.7** There must be at least one judge on horseback to observe infractions of rules or bylaws on the track and to pick up outfits in trouble.
- **12.8** Judges must write down reasons for all penalties or infractions and turn them into the race recorder/show committee and review committee.
- **12.9** Judges shall carry out their duties without prejudice or favoritism.
- **12.10** Judges and show committee may check any driver, horse or equipment before a race, and any driver or outfit who for any reason, on their opinion is a menace to other contestants will not be allowed on the track and not be allowed to run until a hearing from the review committee.
- **12.11** Judges with horses at the same race will be paid equally.
- **12.12** Judges are chosen by the show committee as long as they are APCC&CA members.
- **12.13** All judges must abide and be knowledgeable of the bylaws and rules and regulations of the APCC&CA
- **12.14** Judges that call a penalty may be present when requested by the review committee.
- **12.15** Judges must review timesheets and ensure all penalties are applied to the correct individual. If there are any changes individuals involved will be notified immediately to ensure they have adequate time to protest.
- **12.16** Show committee will appoint a Birdseye view personal to oversee penalties in the infield and discuss with the infield judges. If they cannot come to an agreement, the discussion will be sent to the review committee.

#### **SECTION 13: PROTEST**

- **13.1** If a driver wants to protest a penalty to be removed, they must do so in writing with club form and pay a \$100 fee.
- **13.2** If a protest is successful (penalty removed) the driver will then be given back the \$100 fee, if they lose the protest (penalty stays on) the \$100 fee goes to the club.
- **13.3** Drivers will have up to 1 hour from the sound of the horn to review and protest penalties unless otherwise agreed to in drivers meeting.
- **13.4** The review committee can consider testimonies from drivers involved in the heat to during review of penalties.
- **13.5** Only official club camera footage will be reviewed during the protest, other sources of footage will not be considered or reviewed.
- **13.6** All decisions are final, and the review committee has no obligation to allow individuals involved in the protest to see the video.

### <u>OTHER</u>

#### **SECTION 14: TARP SALES**

**14.1** When your outfits sells at a tarp sale, and you feel your outfit has not brought enough, you are able to buy yourself and find your own but asked to pay \$150 (15% of \$1000). All drivers are not to turn away a sponsor if already sold.

#### SECTION 15: LEGAL ACTION

- **15.1** If a member of the APCC&CA takes legal action against the club. The following must happen:
  - a) All members of the executive must be notified immediately.
  - b) A meeting shall be scheduled to discuss such matters. Executive shall be given 2 weeks' notice prior to meeting.
  - c) The meeting is held by executive committee and decision regarding how to handle the matters is final.

#### SECTION 16: ANNUAL AWARDS

**16.1** The following chuckwagon awards will be given based on overall points:

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- a) High Point
- b) Rookie
  - A rookie award is only considered if the rookie has attended a minimum of 5 shows.
- **16.2** The following Chariot awards will be given based on overall points:
  - a) High Point
  - b) Rookie
    - A rookie award is only considered if the rookie has attended a minimum of 5 shows.
- **16.3** The following awards to be selected by secret ballot:
  - a) Most sportsmanlike in chuckwagon and chariot
  - b) Top holder in chariot and chuckwagon
  - c) Most dedicated in the sport of chuckwagon and chariot
  - d) Favorite driver
  - e) Volunteer award
  - f) Recognition for community awards, fair boards, organizations, and corporate sponsors

#### **SECTION 17: WEBSITE**

**17.1** Person organizing website will be paid \$500/year for upkeep of the site.

### **SCHEDULE A**

#### Hurt Horse Rule:

Chuckwagon or Chariot driver interference fine shall be a minimum of \$100.00, provided that the interference results in an injury to a horse, additional fines up to \$1,000.00 can be assessed at the discretion of the Review & Disciplinary Board.

The following schedule will be used to assess all infractions. Infractions are applied **per** horse injured in the infraction. Decisions are final on the night of the infraction:

- \$100 fine and 25-point deduction if the interference results in an injury to a horse including small cuts and burns. These horses can run the next day with a small amount of medical treatment.
- 2) \$300 fine and 50-point deduction if the interference results to an injury that draws blood that requires a horse to get stitches. These horses can run the next day with a small amount of medical treatment.
- \$500 fine and 75-point deduction if interference caused the horse not to run for 30 days (decisions final on the night of the infraction) – 75 points deducted
- 4) \$1,000 fine and 100-point deduction if the interference causes the horses to be put down.

If an interference penalty results in an injury to one's own horse, then only the point deduction would apply.

APCC & CA requires a minimum of three members of the Review & Disciplinary Board available to assess "Hurt Horse Fine" or the APCC & CA executive needs to appoint a temporary replacement to fill committee to a minimum of three (3).

If a conflict of interest arises where any member of the Review & Disciplinary Board is involved in the incident, then that member or members defer from any decision-making regarding the incident and the executive will appoint temporary replacements.

All files need to be documented on the "Hurt Horse Rule" form. Any fines assessed in accordance with this schedule shall be paid to the APCCC & CA secretary to be forwarded to the driver of the chuckwagon or chariot outfit to which the injured horse belongs. A member who has been assessed a fine in accordance with this schedule cannot run in the next show until the fine has been paid in full to the APCC & CA secretary.

#### **Repeat Offences**

Second offence is double the fine and double points deducted from the severity list from the first infraction.

Third offence driver attends hearing with the executive of the APCC & CA after which fines, and possible suspensions will be levied by the executive.

### Hurt Horse Form

Date	Penalty to Driver		Description of	Severity	Fine	Point
	Name	Penalty	Injury			Deduction