**Section 1371.340 Structure of the Ring for Contests**

a) Size of the Ring

1) The ring shall be square shaped.

2) The ring for a contest shall be no less than 16 x 16 feet and no larger than 24 x 24 feet within the ropes. The ring floor shall be constructed of at least a 1 inch base of wood-based board padded with at least a 1 inch layer of foam rubber or foam rubber equivalents. There must be a top covering of canvas, duck or similar material tightly stretched and attached to the ring platform.

3) The ring shall have 4 posts not less than 3 inches in diameter that extend from the floor of the ring to a height of no less than 48 inches and no more than 58 inches. The posts shall be securely anchored and adequately padded.

b) The ring shall have, at minimum, 4 ropes of cotton, hemp, nylon or comparable material, each not less than one inch in diameter. The ropes shall be padded with a soft material.

c) The floor of the ring shall not be more than 4 feet above the floor on which it is standing, and shall be supplied with steps for the entry and departure of contestants and officials.

d) The platform of the ring must extend beyond the ropes for a distance of at least 2 feet.

e) The ring shall be kept clear of obstructions.