

2024 Ground Rules

National Western Stock Show – WPRA Barrel Racing Qualifier December 28-29, 2023

1. All participants agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PRCA and WPRA By-Laws and Official Rodeo Rules and by these Ground Rules
2. The management reserves the right to refuse the completion of any contestant who has violated the general rules or has been dishonest in the competitions of the National Western Stock Show.
3. The National Western Stock Show is hosting a qualifier for contestants not already pre-seated in the rodeo. The rodeo will consist of a total of 80 contestants– 40 from pre-determined rankings (see below) and 40 from the qualifier.
Entries to fill in this order:
 - a. The top 28 contestants from the 2023 Pro Rodeo World standings
 - b. The top 5 from the 2024 Pro Rodeo World standings based on winnings 7 days prior to the National Western Stock Show entries closing.
 - c. The top 2 from the 2023 WPRA Tour
 - d. The top 5 from the 2023 Pro Rodeo Mountain States Circuit Finals year-end standings
4. FORMAT: 40 qualifying contestants from the qualifier will be placed in the performances at the National Western Stock Show, along with the 40 contestants already entered. Contestants pre-seated will not be eligible to enter the qualifier.
 - a. The 40 qualifying contestants will be the top ten from the first go-round (plus splits), the top ten from the second go-round that have not already qualified from the first go-round (plus splits), and the remaining positions (not to exceed 40) will be filled from the fastest times in the average of go-round 1 and go-round 2.
 - i. Any ties which exist for advancement into the performances at the National Western Stock Show will be broken in the order as follows:
 1. The contestant with the single fastest time; if still a tie,
 2. The tie will be broken based on the published 2023 official WPRA Pro Rodeo World Standings.
5. Two Go-Rounds to be held at the National Western Events Center located at 1515 E. 47th Avenue, Denver, Colorado.
 - a. Go-round 1 will be on Wednesday, December 28th, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
 - b. Go-round 2 will be on Thursday, December 29th, 2023 at 8:00 am.
6. ENTRIES - Qualifier entries will be limited to 210.
7. FEES - Entry fee & Procom fees to be determined by the WPRA and approved by the National Western Stock Show. A ten-dollar (\$10) ground fee will be added to each contestant's entry fee.
8. 30-hour replacement policy in effect.
9. PATTERN - The barrel pattern will be set before the event begins on December 27th.
 - a. The barrel pattern will be set using a laser eye in place of ground stakes.

10. TRACTOR DRAGS - after seven (7) contestants (Condensed)
 - a. Tractor drag will be condensed per WPRA Rule 12.8.2.1.1.

All notified turn outs and Releases from each performance and slack will be taken out of the draw after the out deadline. Positions will move up and be posted at the rodeo office before the rodeo begins. I.E. If you are number 9 and there are 2 releases prior to you, you will be draw number 7. Committee will drag at 5 or fewer if set up for 10, 6 or fewer if set up for 12. **any notified turnouts who do reverse their turnout will run at the end of their performance/slack with no additional dragging for them.
11. Contestant must be ready to run when called upon, either the Chute Boss in agreement with Pro Official(s) or the Pro Official(s) may fine the contestant a \$100 fine if not ready.
12. Anyone completing the pattern at a walk or trot or circling a barrel more than one time will be subject to a \$100 fine.
13. Arena should be clear of non-competing contestants at all times. Any contestant(s) who does/do not abide by these rules will be fined \$100.
14. When a contestant is finished competing, she should exit the arena.
15. Contestants will enter the arena through the south alleyway and exit through the north alleyway.
16. Friends and families of contestants are not allowed to enter the area at any time.
17. CHECK-IN - All contestants must check in with the rodeo secretary's office (labeled "Show Managers Office"), located in the Event Center Paddock Bricks, and sign a release of liability before competing in this rodeo.
18. HEALTH PAPERS AND STALLING
 - a. Must have proof of current Coggins test and current health papers to enter National Western Stock Show grounds.
 - i. Health papers must be checked prior to unloading horses.
 - b. All stalls will be available to contestants at \$20 per night (includes one bag of shavings), beginning Monday, December 26th after 4:00 p.m., on a first come first served basis.
19. PARKING - Parking of contestant's vehicles and horse trailers must be in area designated by the National Western Stock Show parking lot operator.
 - a. Contestants with trailers will enter the grounds through "Gate 7" off of Brighton Blvd.
 - i. Gate 7 is on the left side of Brighton Blvd. when heading North past the Events Center. It is before the road curves at the light rail station.
 - b. Contestants without trailers may park in parking lot "A" located near the front of the Events Center on 47th avenue.
 - c. The area behind the Events Center is for horse loading/unloading only. No trailers may park in this area.
20. DOGS - It is recommended by NWSS&R that pets are left at home. If pets do travel with you, owners assume all liability for pets brought to the show. Pets are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and all pets must be on leashes (attached to person or property) or otherwise contained. No dogs will be allowed the arenas at any time. Any pet found loose will be detained by the show until a fine is paid. Any pet owner whose pet disrupts the show will be required to pay a \$100.00 fine to NWSS&R



(Exception: service animals aiding individuals or those dogs under contract with NWSS&R). As a courtesy, pet owners are required to pick up and dispose of all animal waste in the appropriate areas.