

# **First Frontier Circuit Finals Rodeo Ground Rules:**

1. All Contestants are required to attend the Mandatory Contestant Meeting on Thursday, January 9th, 2025. Full western attire is required. Failure to do so will result in your stipend being forfeited.
2. All Contestants are required to get their headshot photo taken during the check in process. Full western attire is required. Failure to do so will result in your stipend being forfeited.
3. All Contestants are required to attend the Exceptional Rodeo on Thursday, January 9th, 2025. Contestants must check in with the Secretary at the beginning and end of the event. Full western attire is required. Failure to do so will result in your stipend being forfeited.
4. Each Contestant will be assigned and required to be present for the autograph signing session for one of the rodeo performances. This will be assigned and coordinated by your event representative. Failure to attend your assigned night will result in your stipend being forfeited.
5. Contestants receiving go-round and year-end awards must be present at the awards ceremonies. Failure to do so will result in your stipend being forfeited.
6. Contestants must be off the Farm Show Property (with their horses and tack) by 7am on Sunday, January 12th, 2025. Failure to do so will result in your stipend being forfeited.
7. Contestants are NOT permitted to move their assigned stall location. Failure to comply will result in your stipend being forfeited.
8. Glass bottles are NOT permitted in the stall area. Failure to comply will result in your stipend being forfeited.
9. Any illicit drugs that are used or found to be on the premise of the Farm Show Complex or Penn Harris Hotel will result in the forfeiture of your stipend and you will be asked to leave the premises. This will be strictly enforced by local law enforcement and security cameras will be in use at all times.
10. All manure MUST be taken and dumped outside of the building in the designated areas. Any other disposal of manure will result in your stipend being forfeited.
11. In accordance with the PRCA Rulebook (B10.7.11), no person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event. This rule shall be enforced by the Arena Director. At no time during the rodeo performance will a minor child be allowed in the arena, behind the bucking chutes, or behind the timed event chutes/pens. Failure to comply will result in a PRCA fine and your stipend being forfeited.
12. All timed event stock will be ran through on Wednesday, January 8th after 7:30pm. Only qualifying contestants are permitted to be in the arena while THEIR event's stock is being ran through.
13. Contestants are not permitted to bring their horses into the stall area until noon on Wednesday, January 8th.
14. The use of video boards will be used at this year's rodeo. Any profanity (whether spoken or mouthed) in the arena during the rodeo will result in a fine and forfeiture of your stipend.
15. All livestock and horses being brought into the complex must comply with all the veterinary requirements outlined with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and PA Farm Show. This includes Coggins, Health Papers, and Vaccinations.
16. Stalls will be provided for all timed event contestants at \$50 each. Only ONE stall is allowed per contestant, per event. The only exception will be for Steer Wrestlers, which may have another stall for a hazing horse. Only one horse may be in a stall at any time. All additional animals will be required to be taken off the premises. Stall request forms must be sent and postmarked by December 15th WITH payment. Failure to do so will result in you having to find your own means of boarding and transportation on and off the premises each day.
17. Tack Stalls will be provided in and around the stall barn. Tack stalls will be shared with multiple people. Tack stalls will remain unlocked. Your property is your responsibility. The rodeo committee will not be held responsible for anything that goes missing.
18. One bag of shavings OR one bale of straw will be provided with your stall(s). Any additional shavings or straw will be the responsibility of the Contestant to bring or buy from the vendor on site.
19. General Code of Conduct is expected to be observed at all times from Contestants and their family. Contestants are expected to comply with requests from the Rodeo Committee, Board of Directors, Farm Show Officials, Production

Manager/Arena Director, and/or Judges. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of your stipend. These issues will be reviewed by the board of directors on a case by case basis before stipend checks are mailed out at the conclusion of the rodeo.

20. Contestant Not Ready to Perform in Rough Stock Events: A contestant not ready when called during a performance will forfeit their stipend at the discretion of the Arena Director and/or Judges. The definition of “ready when called” for rough stock events will be defined as:  
Bareback Riding: The contestant must be over the horse with his hand in the rigging when the previous horse leaves the arena. If the contestant is first to compete, this would be when the flag horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.  
Saddle Bronc Riding: The contestant must have the horse cinched (front & rear) with the rein measured, and be in the chute, mounting the horse when the previous horse leaves the arena. If the contestant is first to compete, this would be when the flag horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.  
Bull Riding: The contestant must be pulling the rope when the previous bull leaves the arena. If the contestant is first to compete, this would be when the flag horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.
21. Timed Event Contestants Not Ready to Compete- If in the opinion of the Arena Director and/or the Judges, if a contestant is not “ready when called” the contestant will be subject to the removal of their stipend. By definition, “ready when called” shall mean that the contestant must be riding into the box when the previous animal leaves the arena. If a contestant is the first contestant in team roping and tie down roping, they shall be riding into the box, and in steer wrestling, riding into the arena when the flag (sponsor) horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the arena director and/or judges.
22. Each Contestant will be provided with a wristband for themselves and one companion. Contestants will be given the opportunity to get (2) free tickets to each performance. These tickets must be requested by 12/15. After that, all tickets will be released to the general public.
23. Each go-round winner will be required to take a victory lap and partake in a short interview following your event. Failure to do so will result in your stipend being forfeited.
24. Contestants must wear their back number at all times.