

OFFICIAL GROUND RULES

2024 NATIONAL FINALS BREAKAWAY ROPING | Las Vegas, NV

December 3-4,2024

I. ENTRIES:

- A. The top 15 Breakaway Ropers in WPRA Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings, as of September 30, 2024 qualify to enter.
- B. Contestants must confirm entry by calling the PRCA Central Entry Office (PROCOM) between 12:00 P.M. (Mountain Time) on Monday, October 21 and 12:00 P.M. (Mountain Time) on Tuesday, October 22.
- C. Qualified contestants not confirming their intent to compete by 12:00 P.M. on October 22 will be called to confirm entry and may be fined \$250.
- D. A NFBR contestant may not compete at or participate in any other rodeo or jackpot from the date of NFBR contestant check-in through and including the date of the final performance of the NFBR.

II. CONTESTANT INFORMATION:

- A. Every contestant must check-in with the NFBR Arena Secretary following the luncheon at the South Point Hotel & Casino at approximately 1:30 P.M. on Monday, December 2nd, 2024. There will be a meeting following check in.
- B. Stalls will be available beginning Sunday, December 1st, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. pst. Each contestant will be provided two (2) stalls for four (4) nights, providing the horses are subject for use at the National Finals Breakaway Roping. Any horse found not being used for competition at the NFBR or not belonging to the contestant assigned to the stall, will result in a \$1,000.00 fine assessed to the contestant assigned the stall. This fine will progressively double for every 24-hour period, the animal remains in the stall. All stalls will be managed by Lynn Smith, 520-678-6702; Anyone not checking into their assigned stall or stalls by 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 1 or notifying Lynn Smith to release their stall or stalls by the deadline specified above may be subject to a \$250 fine. All horses MUST be removed from the grounds no later than 12:00 p.m. pst, Thursday, December 5th. Any horse remaining in a stall after this deadline will be relocated at the contestant's expense and a \$1,000 fine will be assessed, progressively doubling every 24-hours the horse remains on site, to the contestant assigned to the stall.
- C. NO PETS will be allowed in the arena.
- D. The NFBR Contestant back number will be the credential for admission to all

areas.

- E. Each NFBR Contestant will receive one (1) complimentary spectator ticket. Each contestant will be allowed to purchase up to eight (8) additional tickets.
- F. Each NFBR Contestant will receive one (1) complimentary hotel room at the SouthPoint Hotel and Casino. Check-in will be on Sunday, December 1st, 2024. Check-out will be on Thursday, December 5th, 2024. Contestant complimentary room check-in or check-out times cannot be adjusted. Any Contestant wishing to relinquish their hotel room must do so by 5:00 p.m. pst. on Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 by emailing Megan Barton (mbarton@prorodeo.com). Failure to either check into the complimentary room or to release the room by the deadline specified above shall subject that person to a \$250 fine and room cancellation.

III. GENERAL:

- A. For all horses: Current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and Negative 12 months coggins prior to entry.
- B. All participants by their participation in the NFBR agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PRCA and WPRA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules and these Ground Rules.
- C. Enforcement and interpretation of the PRCA and WPRA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules and these Ground Rules during the NFBR shall be handled by the PRCA Judges.
- D. No NFBR participant may wear or display in the competition arena of the NFBR any Patch of Signage (as defined in the "Rules and Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena") which conflicts with PRCA's and/or Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Properties, Inc.'s National Sponsors. All other provisions of the "Rules and Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, shall also be in effect at the NFBR.
- E. All cattle must be ear-tagged before they arrive.
- F. The extra animals which may be run after the performance cannot be run by contestants in that event. Violation of this ground rule will constitute, to the contestant in violation, an initial \$500.00 fine and will be progressively doubled for each violation thereafter.
- G. No horses used in NFBR competition can be used to run the extra animals after each performance. Violation of this ground rule will constitute, to the contestant(s) competing on the horse in violation, an initial \$500.00 fine and will be progressively doubled for each violation thereafter. Any contestant or member designated to run extras taking excessive time to exit the arena will be fined \$250 for the first occurrence, with that fine progressively doubling with each additional occurrence.

- H. The Breakaway Roping Director will designate person or persons to run the extras.
1. Horses used to run extras cannot be later used in NFBR competition.
 2. Those persons roping the extras will be subject to all rules and regulations of the WPRA, as well as any NFBR ground rules.
- I. If in the opinion of the Chute Boss and/or the Judges if a contestant is not “ready when called” the contestant will be subject to a penalty. By definition, “ready when called” shall mean that the contestant must be at arena gate (Arena gate that is positioned next to headers box) ready to compete when the previous contestant is competing. Contestant will enter arena when Chute Boss gives the go ahead and proceed to the roping box. Fine for failure to enter arena accordingly, unless otherwise approved by the NFBR Committee, will be \$100 for first offense and progressively doubled thereafter.
- Contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving all clear from the designated judge. If the contestant exceeds the time limit, except in case of mechanical failure or a problem with the competition animal in the timed event chute in the opinion of the Judges, she will receive a penalty of \$250. For every 20 seconds over the 45-second limit the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant exceeds two (2) minutes in the box, the result will be disqualification from that go-round.
- J. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.00.
- K. Rattling the gates (to get horse to score), will constitute a \$250.00 fine to be progressively doubled thereafter to the person doing the rattling and/or the contestant involved.
- L. Contestants must exit arena immediately after competition. Any contestant taking excessive time to exit the arena will be fined \$250 for the first occurrence, with that fine progressively doubling with each additional occurrence.
- M. No more than one person (entered contestant) in the box if so requested by contestant.
- N. Only one horse in the box.
- O. A contestant must have their hat on their head while in box, with no assistance in keeping it on or taking it off by another person.
- P. The judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
- Q. If a timed event animal escapes or a rerun is awarded for any other reason, the extra will be used. Only escaped animals go back to the herd. The escaped animal will replace the extra that was used.

- R. Reruns will be taken during the same go-round for which the rerun is given except in the case of injuries to contestants as ruled on by the judges. Rerun must be taken before the start of the next-go-round, during a performance.
- S. The roper cannot throw her rope prior to contestant's horse breaking the plane of the barrier.
- T. The following conduct by any NFBR participant shall be regarded as a Class III offense and may be punishable by fine of no less than \$250.00, ineligibility, suspension, suspension of PRCA & WPRA privileges and/or expulsion, unless otherwise stated:
1. R11.4.3 Influencing a PRCA Official. Attempting to bribe or influence through physical intimidation any PRCA official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge at a time when an event is in progress. WPRA Rule 9.3.11 & 9.3.3-9.3.5
 2. R11.4.4 Harassing a PRCA Official or Spectator. Engaging in, or attempting to engage in, any action threatening, berating, harassing, or intimidating a rodeo official, a rodeo spectator, any official representative or employee of the PRCA, or any Member. WPRA Rules 9.3.14 & 9.3.17
- U. Unruly or unmanageable animals, including contestants' horses that endanger NFBR personnel, contestants, or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the NFBR, may be disqualified by the Judges from further use.
- V. Any contestant using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, will be fined in accordance with Bylaw B10.3.6/WPRA Rule 9.3.17 Conduct Detrimental to Public Image and will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$250.00.
- W. All Contestants, stock contractors, contract personnel and other credentialed personnel will be required to follow any Covid-19 protocols in place at the time of the event. Notice of any such protocols shall be given in a timely fashion.
- X. At the National Finals Breakaway Rodeo, all equine participants must be Fully Vaccinated for Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months and no later than 14 days prior to entering the facility (November 17, 2024). Canadian Horses must be 14 days prior border crossing, for further information on border please see link below:
- https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/downloads/import_horses_canada.pdf
- Initial vaccination and booster are required to be considered fully vaccinated. Horses not in compliance with this rule will not be allowed on competition grounds upon request by the Production Manager of the National Finals Breakaway Rodeo. Frequency of vaccine administration should be per the

vaccine manufacturers or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian. This includes horses chosen during the stock selection and all alternate horses. Vaccination documentation will be provided in the stock contractor packet. 12-month negative Coggins, 30-day health certificate and vaccination documentation must be submitted to Scott Dorenkamp by November 17th, 2024. This can be emailed to sdorenkamp@prorodeo.com.

- Y. If provided, all WPRA contestants will be required to wear a WPRA patch at all times, in the arena and during competition, on their competition shirt. WPRA patch must be worn on the upper front half of shirt or shoulder. If available, patches will be distributed at check-in. Failure to adhere to this rule shall result in a \$100 fine for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling for each offense thereafter.

IV. DRAWING OUT:

- A. A NFBR contestant may not compete at or participate in any other rodeo or jackpot from the date of NFBR contestant check-in through and including the date of the final performance of the NFBR.
- B. If for any reason a contestant is unable to compete, the next contestant in the WPRA Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings season standings will substituted. Substitutions will not be allowed after the first go-round is completed. The qualified contestant will receive 50% of the guaranteed prize money, the jacket, the back number and 50% of the contestant tickets available. The remaining 50% of the guaranteed prize money, the hotel room, an additional back number, the complimentary ticket and 50% of the tickets available for purchase will go to the replacement.
- C. If a contestant qualifies for the NFBR, accepts the guaranteed prize money and does not compete in the NFBR in the year of her qualification, said contestant shall immediately become ineligible with the WPRA and will remain ineligible until such guaranteed money is returned. In addition, the WPRA and/or the PRCA may determine further offenses which would subject the member to additional fines, ineligibility, suspension, suspension of WPRA privileges and/or expulsion unless otherwise stated.

V. FORMAT:

- A. Ten go-rounds. The first five go rounds will be run on December 3rd starting at 2:00 PM. The sixth through tenth go-rounds will be run on December 4th starting at 2:00 PM.
- B. There will be a designated pusher for all contestants.
- C. There will be an additional liner past the score line.

VI. TURNING OUT STOCK:

- A. Contestant must accept and compete in first go-round to be eligible for further competition at the NFBR.
- B. An injured contestant may, with proper doctor’s release from a medical doctor on the official NFBR medical staff, turn out. Contestant must notify a Judge of her intention to turn out prior to the next go round, and provide him with the official doctor release from the NFBR medical staff, no later than two (2) hours prior to the performance or prior to the start of the next go-round if the contestant is injured during a performance. Failure to abide by this deadline will result in a \$250.00 fine.
- C. All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. Failure to give an honest effort as defined herein will result in a fine of \$500 per occurrence, progressively doubling thereafter. Additionally, if it is determined that a contestant did not give an honest effort, she will be disqualified from the go-round in which the violation occurred. For purposes of this ground rule, whether a contestant gives an honest effort will be determined as follows:

A contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, her horse across the score line (unless the Judges rule she was fouled leaving the box) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Once the contestant has ridden her horse across the score line, it is the sole responsibility of the Judges to determine whether the contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

VII. PAYOFF:

- A. Each of the ten go-rounds will pay six places with eight to be paid in the ten-head average. Average will pay three times the go-round.
- B. All go-round monies and average money will be paid following the final go-round.
- C. Each contestant will receive a \$1,500 stipend.
- D. Actual Pay-Off: \$277,500.00

Each go-round: \$21,367.50	Average: \$63,825.00
1. \$6,196.58	1. \$16,913.63
2. \$5,128.20	2. \$13,722.38
3. \$4,059.83	3. \$10,850.25
4. \$2,991.45	4. \$7,978.13

5.	\$1,923.08	5.	\$5,744.25
6.	\$1,068.38	6.	\$4,148.63
		7.	\$2,872.13
		8.	\$1,595.63

VIII. CONTEST RULES:

- A. Only clean bell collar catch will be legal.
 - 1. The calf's whole head must pass through the loop or contestant will be disqualified. The loop must be drawn up around the neck with no extremities in the loop and in front of the tail head, when string breaks.
 - 2. If any extremities are in the loop when the string breaks, ex. Figure 8, a tail or leg, rope dropped below tail head, etc. the run will be considered a no time. If the string breaks with the extremity in the loop and then goes back around the neck of the calf, the run will still be a "no time." If an extremity gets in the loop after flagger has dropped the flag, run will be legal.
 - 3. One or more spotters will be positioned on the opposite side from the flag judge, to watch for extremities in the loop when the string breaks.
- B. Breaking Plane of Barrier/Neck Ropes
 - 1. Neck ropes must be tied with string. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the breakaway roping.
- C. Drawing to follow PRCA procedures.
- D. Barrier malfunctions will be handled in accordance with PRCA Rule Book.
- E. The following rules in the WPRA Rulebook will also be enforced.
 - 1. 4.1.4
 - 2. 12.3.1-12.3.5.1 – Only one loop will be permitted.
 - 3. 12.3.8-12.3.13
- F. When a specific WPRA rule does not apply and no approved ground rules are posted, the appropriate PRCA ruling as interpreted by the contest judge shall apply. The decision of the judge shall be final. (Rule 10.2.1)
- G. Contestants must use string provided by the NFBR committee to tie rope to contestants' saddle horn.
- H. There will be three pens of cattle. Pen #1 will be used for the first, fourth, seventh

and tenth go rounds. Pen #2 will be used for the second, fifth and the eighth go-rounds. Pen #3 will be used for the third, sixth and ninth go-rounds.

- ↳ After completion of a competition, contestant must exit through the Riding event end of the arena, as directed by the Production Manager. Failure to exit as directed will constitute a \$500 fine, progressively doubling with each offense.

IX. COMPETITION ORDER:

- A. First through ninth go-rounds: Reverse of Season Standings coming into the NFBR, dropping down two contestants to begin the competition of each go-round.
- B. Tenth go-round: Reverse of WPRA Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings following ninth go-round World Standings coming into the NFBR + NFBR earnings).
- C. Changes to split horses must be authorized by the Chute Boss. The Chute Boss shall notify the NFBR Arena Secretary prior to the start of each go-round if splits occur.

X. DRAWING STOCK & RUNNING CATTLE:

- A. The order of the draw will be the same as the competition order.
- B. The following procedure will be in place for running the calves at the South Point Arena on Monday, December 2nd:
 - 1. Entire herd will be run through the chutes two times.
 - 2. Then calves will be run through one more time in groups of five without being pushed.
 - 3. Contestants will breakaway rope the calves one (1) time. The production manager will determine the time and establish the order.
 - 4. Calves may be lined on right side during run through.

XI. WORLD CHAMPION:

- A. The NFBR World Champion shall be prepared to attend the 10th night performance of the 2024 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo to be introduced as part of the PRCA World Champion Recognition ceremonies.
 - 1. Upon confirmation of NFBR World Champion Status, the WPRA will coordinate travel & lodging arrangements.

2. Contestant will receive two (2) performance tickets to the 10th performance of the NFR.
- B. The NFBR World Champion must attend the PRCA Media & Photo Day in Las Vegas.
1. Held in May of 2025
 - Will be held on either a Monday or a Tuesday
 2. Contestant will be notified of the date no later than 60 days prior to the established date.



In the interest of keeping up with the welfare of our equine partners all horses are required to be FULLY vaccinated and must abide by the following statement:

At the National Finals Breakaway Rodeo, all equine participants must be FULLY vaccinated for Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months and no later than 14 days prior to entering the South Point Hotel & Casino facility (November 17, 2024). Canadian Horses must be 14 days prior border crossing, for further information on border please see link below:

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Initial vaccination and booster are required to be considered fully vaccinated. Horses not in compliance with this rule will not be allowed on competition grounds upon request by the Production Manager of the National Finals Breakaway Rodeo. Frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian. This includes horses chosen during the stock selection and all alternate horses.

12-month negative Coggins, 30-day health certificate and vaccination documentation must be submitted to Scott Dorenkamp by November 17th, 2024.

All equine contestants and personnel working at the NFBR with horses must provide proof of vaccination of their equine partner and sent to Scott Dorenkamp by November 17th, 2024, the following vaccination log must be filled out by a licensed veterinarian. This can be emailed to sdorenkamp@prorodeo.com

All contestants and NFBR personnel that bring horses to the NFBR must bring all horses that are competing, potentially competing or working the NFBR to the South Point Hotel & Casino (whether stabled on grounds or a daily ship in) prior to 5:00 PM Sunday, December 1, 2024, to be inspected and logged to ensure all records of vaccinations and health papers are in order. After this initial check in any horse that has not been checked will not be allowed on the South Point Hotel & Casino Grounds.



VACCINATION RECORD: Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes 2024 National Finals Breakaway Rodeo

Contestant Name: _____ Card No. _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Horse Name	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Place & Country	Vaccination			Name, Signature &/or Stamp of Veterinarian
			Name	Batch	Route/Mode	

Submit to Scott Dorenkamp: sdorenkamp@prorodeo.com