



RODEO AUSTIN WPRA GROUND RULES

Rodeo Austin agrees to the 2026 WPRA ProRodeo Sanctioning Agreements with the following amendments:

I. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, SPONSORSHIP, MARKETING AND MERCHANDISE RIGHTS

a. Rights Remain in Rodeo Austin

- i. Rodeo Austin retains all intellectual property, sponsorship, marketing and merchandise rights associated with its marks, its presentations, the actual conduct of its events and the live production and on-site presentation of its shows and competitions to include rodeo events, awards presentations, and contestant recognition.

1. Intellectual Property:

- a. While respecting the intellectual property right of contestants, Rodeo Austin retains all rights associated with its still footage/photography, audio, closed-circuit broadcasts and external broadcasts to include television, radio, internet and all other means of electronic distribution as follows:
 - i. Rodeo Austin retains all rights in and to the audio/video, filming, taping, recording in any media now or hereafter known, still footage/photography, television, radio or internet broadcasting or reproduction in any manner or form thereof March 14-28, 2026 Rodeo Austin Events.

2. Sponsorship:

- a. Rodeo Austin agrees to the 2026 PRCA Rodeo Sponsorship Agreement with WPRA's acceptance that this agreement applies only to PRCA/WPRA events and has no binding effect on other activities or events held in conjunction with Rodeo Austin. Such other activities or events include, but are not limited to, livestock shows, horse shows, carnival, rodeo opening ceremonies, mutton bustin's, calf scrambles, featured entertainers, independent rodeos and other specialty events held in conjunction with Rodeo Austin.
- b. All sponsors, either Rodeo Austin, WPRA, PRCA or PRCAP initiated, must comply with the rules and policies set forth by Rodeo Austin with respects to marketing, signage and advertising.
- c. Rodeo Austin executes numerous exclusive and limited rights sponsorship agreements with local, regional and national sponsors. Terms of such agreements may extend multiple years. As a result, Rodeo Austin may not offer established WPRA, PRCA or PRCAP First Right of Refusal National Sponsors terms to sponsor on an annual basis.
- d. Upon expiration of Rodeo Austin sponsorship agreements, Rodeo Austin offers first right of refusal to Rodeo Austin sponsors first. Should Rodeo Austin sponsors pass on such terms, Rodeo Austin will make every effort to contact WPRA, PRCA or PRCAP National Sponsors.

- e. Rodeo Austin pledges to work with WPRA, PRCA, PRCAP and PRCA National Sponsors to ensure the advancement of the sport of ProRodeo.
- f. Should WPRA, PRCA or PRCAP wish to offer sponsorship exposure in the Rodeo Austin arena to a potential WPRA, PRCA or PRCAP national sponsor, WPRA, PRCA or PRCAP agrees to include Rodeo Austin in negotiations. All parties must mutually agree on sponsorship terms, otherwise Rodeo Austin will not honor WPRA, PRCA or PRCAP sponsor agreements.
- b. Rights Remain in PRCA and WPRA
 - i. PRCA and WPRA retain all intellectual property, sponsorship, marketing and merchandise rights associated with its marks.

II. RODEO AUSTIN RULES OF COMPETITION

a. ProRodeo Schedule

i. Timed Events (Ladies Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing):

- 1. Rodeo Austin will consist of 1 ProRodeo qualifying round to be held over the first eleven performances, 1 ProRodeo playoff round to be held over three performances and 1 ProRodeo Finals performance.

Performance	Day	Time	Date	Notes
1	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	March 14, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
2	Sunday	3:00 p.m.	March 15, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	March 16, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
4	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	March 17, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
5	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	March 18, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
6	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	March 19, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
7	Friday	7:00 p.m.	March 20, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
8	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	March 21, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
9	Sunday	3:00 p.m.	March 22, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	March 23, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
11	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	March 24, 2026	ProRodeo Qualifying Round
12	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	March 25, 2026	ProRodeo Playoff Round
13	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	March 26, 2026	ProRodeo Playoff Round
14	Friday	7:00 p.m.	March 27, 2026	ProRodeo Playoff Round
15	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	March 28, 2026	ProRodeo Finals Performance

b. ProRodeo, March 14-28, 2026

i. Entries

1. Entry fees are as follows:

- a. Breakaway Roping \$450
- b. Barrel Racing \$450

2. Entry open and closing date to be determined by WPRA

- a. Rodeo Austin to receive the final advancing contestants listing for the Rodeo Austin ProRodeo Performances no later than March 9, 2026 – excluding medical releases.

ii. Entry Selection Process

1. Contestant Limits

- a. Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping will be limited to 88 contestants per event.
- b. No permits.
- c. Rodeo Austin will not pay compensation money.
- d. All contestants must be in good standing with the WPRA and Rodeo Austin.

2. Qualifier

- a. The WPRA will host a qualifier to fill some of the limited entry spots for Rodeo Austin. The Barrel Racing qualifier will be held on date, time and location determined by WPRA. The Breakaway Roping

qualifier will be held on the date, time and location determined by the WPRA. All information for the Qualifier will be provided to contestants by the WPRA.

iii. Performance Format

1. Top 88 Contestants per event
 - a. 8 per night X 1 head round for 11 nights (1 Qualifying Round)
 - b. 8 per night X 1 head round for 3 nights (1 Playoff Round)
 - c. 8 per night X 1 head round for 1 night (1 Finals)
2. No Slack
3. No Stock Charges
4. \$79,200 in Contestant Entry Fees as per the following fee schedule; Contestant Entry Fees to fully fund Qualifying Round; Should an event not fill with 88 contestants, contestant prize money will be reduced in the Qualifying Round
5. No "Average" Pay-Out
6. At the end of the Qualifying Round, if there is a tie for the last advancing place, then contestants that move on will be determined by a post-Qualifying Round draw or coin toss between tied contestants.
7. At the end of the Qualifying Round, if an advancing contestant turns out (including doctor release or visible injury) then the next contestant with the fastest time in the Qualifying Round may move up. If the next contestant is not available, the contestant with the next fastest time in the Qualifying Round may move up. This will continue until all Playoff Round spots are filled.
8. The twenty-four contestants that qualify for the Playoff Round will be placed as follows in all events: positions 24-17 will compete on Wednesday, March 25th performance (twelfth), 16-9 will compete in the Thursday, March 26th (thirteenth) performance, positions 8-1 will compete in the Friday, March 27th (fourteenth) performance.
9. Contestants who qualify for the Playoff Round will be allowed to trade with other contestants through the rodeo secretary for thirty minutes following the conclusion of the eleventh performance.
10. At the end of the Playoff Round, if there are not enough qualified times or there is a tie for the last advancing place, the contestant with the fastest time in the Qualifying Round will advance to the Finals; if still tied, then contestants that move on will be determined by a random post-Playoff Round draw.
11. At the end of the Playoff Round, if an advancing contestant turns out (including doctor release or visible injury) then the next contestant with the fastest time in the Playoff Round may move up. If the next contestant is not available, the next contestant with the fastest time in the Playoff Round may move up. This will continue until all Finals Round spots are filled. If there are no qualified times in the Playoff Round, then the fastest time from the Qualifying Round will move up. If there are no qualified times in the Playoff or Qualifying Round, then the contestant who moves up will be based on current World Standings. We will continue to go down the current World Standings list until all positions are filled.
12. Rodeo Austin Champion
 - a. The Rodeo Austin Event Champion will be based on the fastest time in the Finals.
 - b. At the end of the Finals, if there is a tie, then the Rodeo Austin Event Champion will be determined by fastest time by tied contestants from the Playoff performance.

- c. At the end of the Finals, if there are no qualified times in an event, the event winner will be determined by the fastest combined times from the Qualifying and Playoff Round.
- 13. Barrel Racing
 - a. Rodeo Austin will drag as required by the WPRA rules; halfway through Barrels in each performance.
- 14. Breakaway Roping
 - a. Only one loop will be permitted
 - b. Stock Contractor will provide stock for a minimum of 1/3 of the entered contestants plus extras.
 - c. Draw to follow PRCA procedures.
 - d. 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.
- 15. All contestants must be "ready when called upon" by judges and/or Chute Boss (in agreement with judges).
 - a. For contestants, the definition of "ready when called" shall be:
 - b. **Timed Events:** 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 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, as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges.
 - i. Contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the 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, he 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 it will result in disqualification from the round.
 - ii. If an individual is taking advantage of the contestants in that event and/or the livestock and/or the rodeo production and/or not cooperating with the chute boss's and judges' instructions resulting in an attempt to cheat or influence the results of the event, to include but not limited to causing an animal to act up or be unruly in the chute in order to receive a reride, that individual will be disqualified by the judges from that round and for subsequent offenses will be disqualified by the judges from that event for the remainder of the rodeo.
- 16. No stall reservations. A limited number of stalls are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 17. Contestants with horses must check in at the Gate 2 entrance to the Fairgrounds and present the following to be admitted entrance. The following guidelines are established in compliance with the Texas Animal Health Commission Regulations governing admission of livestock into fairs and exhibitions and additional rules imposed by Rodeo Austin to ensure the health and well-being of animals exhibited

at the Show. Requirements are subject to change based on updates from the Texas Animal Health Commission.

18. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, issued within thirty (30) days or a valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card, current, issued within six (6) months.
19. Negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test (also known as "Coggins Test") within twelve (12) months. In-state origin equine: foals, less than eight months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing. Test document must be in hand or test results and related information must be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection. If using an equine passport or equine identification card, the negative EIA test must be within 6 (six) months.
20. Contestants must abide by Rodeo Austin regulations for entry and exit with animals. Individuals who violate animal entry policies will be subject to immediate ejection from the premises.
21. Contestants with falsified health papers will be removed from the Rodeo Austin grounds immediately and disqualified from the competition.
22. If a timed event animal escapes the confines of the Arena when the contestant is still eligible to compete (or there is a re-run for any reason), the flag will be dropped, and contestant must take the next extra in the draw.

23. General

- a. Order of Events
 - Bareback Riding
 - Steer Wrestling
 - Team Roping
 - Breakaway Roping
 - Saddle Bronc Riding
 - Tie-Down Roping
 - Barrel Racing
 - Bull Riding
- b. Judges times are official.
- c. Any member who mistreats an animal anywhere on the grounds of a facility in which a sanctioned PRCA rodeo is being held shall be fined no less than \$500 and, depending on the severity of the offense, may be declared ineligible, suspended, suspended from PRCA privileges and/or expelled. Compensation of any mistreatment of an animal resulting in an injury in the riding events, shall be owed to the stock contractor of record. Compensation of any mistreatment of an animal resulting in an injury in the timed events, shall be owed to the rodeo committee or stock contractor of record.
- d. All other rules will be enforced per the PRCA/WPRA rulebook.
- e. Each contestant must complete and sign a Rodeo Austin Release of Liability, Indemnity and Background Check Agreement and present it to the Rodeo Secretary prior to his/her first competition.
- f. Each contestant will be furnished with a Rodeo Austin back number, which must be worn or displayed in its entirety at all times when in the Competition Arena. If a contestant has an existing patch sponsorship involving the cantle/yoke of the shirt, then the contestant may wear the Rodeo Austin back

number immediately below the existing cantle/yoke patch. If a contestant elects to wear a protective vest or jacket then that contestant must wear the Rodeo Austin back number in the same location on the vest or jacket.

- g. In accordance with PRCA Bylaws (B15.1.9), this is to notify that Rodeo Austin will only admit contestants who are entered in the competition to all facilities at no charge. PRCA/WPRA members who are not entered will not be given free admission, nor may they enter any area restricted only to contestants without proper Rodeo Austin credentials.
- h. No family members (including children), guests, escorts, etc. will be allowed in chute or Arena areas.
- i. No dogs will be allowed on the grounds, with the exception of contract acts.
- j. Contestants must enter facilities via Gate 2 off of Decker Lane. Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis in Lot C and/or Lot D.

III. 2026 PAYOUT

a. Added Purse Money

- 1. Rodeo Austin Added Purse Money provided the proposed Rodeo Austin PRCA/WPRA Sanctioning Rider is approved in its entirety by both the PRCA and WPRA.

Bareback	\$64,000
Steer Wrestling	\$64,000
Team Roping	\$128,000
Breakaway Roping	\$64,000
Saddle Bronc	\$64,000
Tie-Down Roping	\$64,000
Barrel Racing	\$64,000
<u>Bull Riding</u>	<u>\$64,000</u>
Total	\$576,000

b. Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping

1. Qualifying Round Payout (Gross / Net)

i. Per Event

▪ First	\$7,410 / \$6,965.40
▪ Second	\$6,630 / \$6,232.20
▪ Third	\$5,850 / \$5,499.00
▪ Fourth	\$5,070 / \$4,765.80
▪ Fifth	\$4,290 / \$4,032.60
▪ Sixth	\$3,510 / \$3,299.40
▪ Seventh	\$2,730 / \$2,566.20
▪ Eighth	\$1,950 / \$1,833.00
▪ Ninth	\$1,170 / \$1,099.80
▪ <u>Tenth</u>	<u>\$390 / \$366.60</u>
▪ Total	\$39,000 / \$36,660.00
▪ X 2 events	\$78,000 / \$73,320.00

2. Playoff Payout (Gross / Net)

i. Per Event

▪ First	\$7,525 / \$7,073.50
▪ Second	\$6,622 / \$6,224.68
▪ Third	\$5,117 / \$4,809.98
▪ Fourth	\$4,214 / \$3,961.16

▪ Fifth	\$2,709 / \$2,546.46
▪ Sixth	\$2,107 / \$1,980.58
▪ Seventh	\$1,204 / \$1,131.76
▪ Eighth	\$602 / \$565.88
▪ Total	\$30,100 / \$28,294
▪ X 2 events	\$60,200 / \$56,588

3. Finals Payout (Gross / Net)

i. Per Event

▪ First	\$13,800 / \$12,972
▪ Second	\$10,350 / \$9,729
▪ Third	\$6,900 / \$6,486
▪ Fourth	\$3,450 / \$3,243
▪ Total	\$34,500 / \$32,430
▪ X 2 events	\$69,000 / \$64,860

4. **GRAND TOTAL WPRA TIMED EVENTS PAYOUT \$207,200 / \$194,786***

*PRCA to deduct 6% from each check

IV. APPEARANCES, PRESS AND MEDIA

- i. Contestants agree to be available to Rodeo Austin staff for media interviews during the days/evenings that they are participating in a performance.
- ii. The highest scoring contestant(s) in each event, of each performance, are asked to participate in a minimum one-hour autograph session following each performance.
- i. The top winning contestant(s) in each event must be present for the awards presentation at the conclusion of his/her event during the Finals performance. The event winner(s) must then take a victory lap if Rodeo Austin so chooses

V. TERMS OF SANCTIONING

- a. Rodeo Austin is requesting a one-year WPRA approval for 2026.