

Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show
Fort Worth, Texas
January 23-February 7, 2026

FWSSR GROUND RULES - WPRA BARREL RACE

1. WPRA Barrel Racing rules will be in effect. See WPRA rule book.
2. Card members only, permits are not accepted.
3. Contestants must be 18 years of age or older.
4. Contestant Entry Fees - \$250
5. Qualifications- Limited 56
 - a. The top 45 contestants from the 2025 WPRA Pro Rodeo World Standings that enter will be accepted (drop down until filled).
 - b. The champion contestant (winner of the Barrel Race if not qualified through previous, drop down until filled) from these 7 Texas Circuit PRCA rodeos in 2025 that enter will be accepted (drop down until filled):
 - i. Ellis County Fair and Rodeo - Waxahachie, TX
 - ii. Mineral Wells, TX Rodeo
 - iii. Weatherford, TX - Parker County Sheriffs Posse Frontier Days and PRCA Rodeo
 - iv. Johnson County Sheriffs Posse Rodeo - Cleburne, TX
 - v. Gladewater, TX Round-Up Rodeo
 - vi. North Texas State Fair and Rodeo - Denton, TX
 - vii. Wichita Falls, TX PRCA Rodeo
 1. Qualifications will follow the above order and drop down with each rodeo until all positions are filled in all events from each rodeo. Any ties will be broken by taking the contestant with the most money won in the year-end 2025 WPRA Pro Rodeo World Standings. If still tied it will be broken by taking the contestant with the most money won in the 2026 WPRA Pro Rodeo World Standings as of December 3, 2025.
 - c. Top 4 contestant from the 2025 WPRA Tour Standings that enter will be accepted (drop down until filled).
 - d. In the event that one or more of the listed qualifier rodeos is cancelled for any reason during the 2025 rodeo season, the contestants for that qualifying position will be selected from the 2025 year-end world standings (contestant that is

selected must not be able to qualify under any other qualifications, drop down until filled).

- e. Champion, qualifiers will be placed in brackets based on their qualifying rodeo:

	FWSSR Bracket Dates	Perf#	Qualifier Name	Qualifier Location
Bracket 1	January 23 - January 24	1&2	Ellis County Fair and Rodeo	Waxahachie, TX
Bracket 2	January 25 - January 26	8&4	Mineral Wells Rodeo	Mineral Wells, TX
Bracket 3	January 27 - January 28	5&6	Gladewater Roundup Rodeo	Gladewater, TX
Bracket 4	January 29 - January 30	7&8	Johnson County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo	Cleburne, TX
Bracket 5	January 30 - January 31	9 & 10	Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo	Weatherford, TX
Bracket 6	January 31 - February 1	11 & 12	Wichita Falls PRCA Rodeo	Wichita Falls, TX
Bracket 7	February 2 - February 3	13 & 14	North Texas State Fair and Rodeo	Denton, TX

*Qualifying contestants placed into brackets based on their qualifying rodeo will not be allowed to trade out of their assigned brackets.

6. Drag before the barrel racing event begins, after 4 barrel racing runs or half of the competition field and at the conclusion of the event. We will continue to provide 3 hand rakers at each barrel that will continue to rake after each barrel racing run.
7. WPRA dress code will apply. The Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show requests you provide rodeo patrons with a good show and a lot of "bling"!
8. Contestants must ride in the Grand Entry in the bracket and rounds in which they are competing.
9. No dogs, with exception of specialty acts and sheep dog trials, will be allowed on grounds including Stock Show parking lots.
10. No one other than judges and show officials will be allowed in alleyways and arena during the barrel race event. All contestants must have back number visible to enter the alleyways and arena.
11. Pattern: Arena Sire 125 ft. X 250 ft. Contestants enter arena from long alley (no obstructions). Electric eyes are set 30 ft. inside arena, approximately 65 ft. apart. Distance to first barrel is 60 ft., second barrel is 66 ft., third barrel is 105 ft., finish line is 160 ft. All measurements are approximate.
12. ALL CONTESTANTS: Only actual contestant and one companion allowed gate access. Contestants will have access to one rodeo ticket for the rounds in which they are competing. Companion passes are not allowed to enter Dickies Arena without a ticket. WPRA members who are not entered in the rodeo will not be permitted to enter Dickies Arena with a WPRA card.

13. ALL EVENTS - The "30-hour replacement" rule will be in effect. After the 30-hour replacement policy, Procom and the rodeo secretary will work together to fill open positions from the applicable replacement list of contestants up until the performance time. Replacements will be made by secretary for progressive rounds like wild card, semi-finals, finals. Secretary will contact the next qualifying person and continue to do so until someone is found to take the position.
14. TRADE DEADLINE - Trades can be made up to 4:00 PM MT the evening prior to round 1 of each bracket that the contestant is scheduled to compete in.
15. ALL EVENTS - There will be an extended grace period for those contestants who are entered and meet qualifications to change preferences Thursday, December 21 between 9 AM and 4 PM MT.
16. ALL CONTESTANTS - All contestants must sign a release of liability and other forms provided by the Rodeo Secretary before competing. If a contestant chooses not to compete for a "non-injury" related reason, that contestant will be ineligible to compete in any FWSSR event for the remainder of the current year, plus the following year. In the event of a turn-out in Round 1 of each bracket, the next ranking contestant on the alternate list will be used as a replacement.
17. ALL CONTESTANTS - All contestants must wear the back number provided by the FWSSR Rodeo Secretary which must be visible at all times upon entrance to Dickies Arena to gain entry to Dickies Arena floor, including locker rooms, rodeo arena floor, stalling area, secretary's office, rodeo hospitality and all rodeo-related locations within Dickie Arena, whether competing or not. For security reasons, contestants will likely be asked for identification. If the contestant is wearing a jacket or vest, the back number must be pinned to the outside of the jacket or vest.
18. ALL CONTESTANTS - Enter the grounds via Gate 44 at Harley Avenue and Trail Drive - 3350 Trail Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76107. FWSSR staff will provide further directions on parking at this point. Unload horses and tack in stalls provided. Trailers must be moved immediately to the designated contestant parking lot. Contestant parking lot is secured 24 hours a day. Any trailer unhooked from vehicle that is not within the designated contestant parking lot will be towed at owner's expense. Vehicles will park in designated contestant parking lot. Overnight camping on show ground will only be allowed in the designated contestant parking lot. RV hookups will be available at no charge in contestant parking lot, Gate 52, for a maximum period of 24 hours around the contestant's scheduled performance(s). Contestants will be allowed into the contestant parking lot on a first-come, first-served basis - no reservations accepted.

19. ALL EVENTS - Pushers and contestant assistants not entered will obtain credentials from the rodeo secretary's office. To obtain credentials, the individual(s) must be a member of the WPRA with WPRA insurance dues paid for the current year. Individuals without the proper credentials will not be permitted onto the floor level of Dickies Arena, into the rodeo arena, behind the bucking chutes, behind the timed event boxes or in any support alleys or facilities.
20. ALL CONTESTANTS WITH HORSES - Must have Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within thirty (30) days and negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test, also known as a "Coggins" test, within the past twelve (12) months. Proof of Coggins test must be presented in either the original document or copy of the original document that has been approved by the Texas Animal Health Commission. Test date, accession number and name of laboratory must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Exemption: Equine may enter shows, fairs, exhibitions or assemblies without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection when accompanied by a valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card and a completed VA form 10-11 showing negative results to an official EIA test within the previous six (6) months.
21. STALLS - Contestants shall stall their horses in Dickies Arena stalling area set aside for rodeo contestants. If demand of stalls exceeds supply of stalls in Dickies Arena, contestants will be directed to the Horse Show Office where, upon availability, they will be assigned a stall(s) for their use. Stalls will be available at no charge for a maximum period of 24 hours around the contestant's performance(s). Horses must be stalled in assigned stalls. Horses are not to be stalled or tied to livestock pens or warmup arena panels.
22. ALL CONTESTANTS - Must compete in all brackets and rounds in order to advance to the wild card, semi-finals and/or finals (does not include DR's or VIR's).
23. FORMAT - All events. 18 total performances - 7 brackets of eight (8) contestants or teams competing in 2 rounds back-to-back each will account for the first 14 performances, 1 Wild Card Round for performance 15, 2 Semi-Finals of 1 round each for performances 16 and 17 and 1 Finals Round for performance 18. The top 2 money winners (14 total) in each bracket will advance to compete in one round of the semi-finals (8 contestants or teams per performance). The third top money winner (7 total) in each bracket will advance to the Wild Card Round, which will also consist of one round. The remaining non-qualifiers from each bracket that did not advance will be placed into a pool of non-qualifiers. At the conclusion of bracket 7, the top money winner from the pool of non-qualifiers will advance to the Wild Card Round to fill the number 8 position

in that round. The top two money winners from the Wild Card Round will advance to one round of the semi-finals. No previous times or scores will be carried forward. The qualifiers for the two semi-finals performances will be seeded as follows: Semi-Finals number one (performance 16): #1 money winner from bracket 1, #2 money winner from bracket 2, #1 money winner from bracket 3, #2 money winner from bracket 4, #1 money winner from bracket 5, #2 money winner from bracket 6, #1 money winner from bracket 7, #1 money winner from Wild Card Round. Semi-Finals number two (performance 17): #2 money winner from bracket 1, #1 money winner from bracket 2, #2 money winner from bracket 3, #1 money winner from bracket 4, #2 money winner from bracket 5, #1 money winner from bracket 6, #2 money winner from bracket 7, #2 money winner from Wild Card Round. The actual competition order will be drawn randomly. Qualifying contestants or teams will have until the start of the 7th bracket to trade positions with another contestant from their bracket for the semi-finals. Contestants or teams qualifying in the 7th and final bracket will have 30 minutes upon the completion of the bracket to trade in the semi-finals. No previous times or scores will be carried forward. From the semi-finals, the top 4 contestants or teams per performance based on fastest times and highest scores will advance to the Finals (8 total). The finals (performance 18) will consist of 8 contestants or teams. The event champion will be determined by the highest score or fastest time in the finals. No previous times or scores will be carried forward.

24. TIES - For advancement purposes only. If there is a tie in the bracket, it will be broken by any single fastest time or highest score in any round in the bracket. If still tied, the tie will be broken by any round winner in the bracket. If still tied, the tie will be broken based on the highest amount of money earned in the previous year's WPRA World Standings. If there is a tie in the Wild Card round or Semi- Finals round, it will be broken by the single fastest time or highest score in any round in the bracket. If still tied, the tie will be broken by any round winner in the bracket. If still tied, the tie will be broken based on the highest amount of money earned in the previous year's WPRA World Standings. If there is a tie in the Finals for event champion, co-champions will be awarded. Ties for payout will be treated as such and split evenly among the tied contestants or teams in all brackets and rounds.
25. ALL EVENTS - If a contestant who is entered in any of the brackets turns out (including DR's and VIR's) through PROCOM prior to, during or after their first competition performance, the position will be filled with the next qualified alternate. All non-notified turnouts will be replaced with the next available contestant. If a contestant who advances to the Wild Card turns out (includes DR's and VIR's), the contestant that has the next highest earnings at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo in that respective bracket will be placed in the available position in the Wild Card (drop down until filled). If the contestant who qualified for the Wild Card round in the 8th positions based on being the top money

winner from the pool of non-qualifiers turns out, the contestant who is the next highest ranked in that category will be accepted. If a contestant who has qualified for the semi-finals turns-out (including DR's and VIR's), the next highest score or fastest time from the Wild Card will advance to semi-finals (drop down until filled). If a contestant who advances from the semi-finals to the finals turns-out (including DR's and VIR's), the contestant that has the next fastest time or highest score in the semi-finals will be placed in the available position in the finals (drop down until filled).

26. ALL EVENTS - If not enough contestants or teams record a qualifying time or score to fill the available positions from the brackets to the Wild Card round and/or Semi-Finals round, the available positions will be filled using the following criteria: most money won in the brackets, if still unable to fill, fastest time or highest score in the brackets, if still unable to fill, the available positions will be filled based on the highest amount of money earned in the previous year's WPRA World Standings. If not enough contestants or teams record a qualifying time or score to fill the available positions from the Wild Card round to the Semi-Finals round, contestants or teams from the Wild Card round will advance based on the following criteria: most money won in the brackets if still unable to fill, fastest time or highest score in the brackets, if still unable to fill, the available positions will be filled based on the highest amount of money earned in the previous year's WPRA World Standings. If not enough contestants or teams record a qualified time or score to fill the available positions from the Semi-Finals round to the Final round, contestants or teams from the Semi-Finals round will advance based on the following criteria: next qualified time or score in any performance of the Semi-Finals, if unable to fill, the contestant in the Semi-Finals with the most money won in the brackets, if still unable to fill, the contestant in the Semi-Finals with the fastest time or highest score in the brackets, if still unable to fill, the available positions will be filled based on the contestant in the Semi-Finals with the highest amount of money earned in the previous year's WPRA World Standings. For purposes of selecting a champion, if no contestants or teams record a qualified time or score in any one event during the finals, the champion contestant or team will be determined by the most money won during the entire Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.
27. ALL EVENTS - Any money won shall not count for Texas circuit points or as a Texas circuit round count towards qualification for the Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo.
28. PAY-OFF - All events. No average. Guaranteed payout. Pay-off for each round within the brackets: 1st - \$2,500, 2nd - \$1,900, 3rd - \$1,500, 4th - \$1,000, 5th – 8th \$125.00 each. Pay-off for the 15th performance (Wild Card Round): 1st - \$2,000, 2nd - \$1,600, 3rd \$1,100, 4th \$700. Pay-off for the 16th and 17th performances (Semi-Final Rounds): 1st -

\$4,000, 2nd - \$3,000, 3rd - \$2,000, 4th - \$1,000. Pay-off for the 18th performance (Finals Round): 1st - \$20,000, and \$12,000, 3rd - \$8,000, 4th - \$4,000.

29. ALL EVENTS - for the first 17 performances, if not enough contestants or teams qualify for the number of places to be paid in an event, the remaining places shall be divided evenly among those contestants or teams who did qualify (have a score or time), and that money will be considered ground money and will not be posted as Championship Points, and will not count towards qualifying for the National Finals Rodeo (except in the bull riding). In the finals, if there are not four qualified rides or times, the remaining placings will be paid out on the highest scores or fastest times in the Semi-Finals and all money paid out will count for championship points.
30. ALL EVENTS - Money will be divided equally in case of splits and any odd pennies will be dropped.
31. ALL EVENTS - If a re-ride or re-run is awarded for any reason, it may take place before the next event.
32. TE - Stock contractor to provide one animal for every entry, plus adequate extras. If a timed event animal escapes (or a re-run is due for any reason), the extra will be used. Only escaped animals go back into the herd.
33. ALL CONTESTANTS - No entry, including contestants with back numbers, will be granted into the Rodeo arena beginning 1 hour prior to each round, no exceptions. All stock inspections must be performed in the arena pen area or timed event staging area. Contestant back numbers must be visible at all times to gain entry into the bucking chutes, timed event staging areas, arena alleys/ staging area, rodeo arena and the Dickies Arena floor level. If the contestant is wearing a jacket or vest, the contestant's back number must be pinned on the out of the jacket or vest, or the jacket or vest must be removed.
34. ALL EVENTS - Once the run or ride has been completed, contestants must promptly exit the arena.
35. ALL EVENTS - Each contestant must complete a W-9 and submit the completed form to FWSSR officials prior to the contestant's first competition. FWSSR officials will not authorize payment of prize money to any contestant who does not have a valid W-9 on file with the FWSSR. * *

*****ADDITIONAL FWSSR GROUND RULES** ***

POST: Horseshoeing in contestants' barn only.

POST: Seventy-two (72) rodeo tickets for contestants will be available through and issued by the rodeo secretary for each round, including all rounds in each bracket, wild card, semi-finals and finals rounds.

POST: No dogs with the exception of contract acts will be allowed on the grounds, including parking lots.

POST: No overnight camping on Stock Show grounds except in contestant parking lot.

POST: Overnight parking of horse trailers must be in designated contestant parking area.

POST: Contestant ride times in the rodeo arena will be from 8am until 4 hours before the rodeo performance begins. (Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Saturday: 8:00 am - 10:00 am, Sunday: 8:00 am - 10:00 am)

POST: Contestants may set up practice barrels in the arena during the scheduled ride times, however competition barrels will only be used during the scheduled rodeo performance and may not be used during ride times or practice runs.