

## **2026 Rodeo Austin Qualifier**

### **2026 Ground Rules Rodeo Austin – WPRA Barrel Racing Qualifier February 22, 2026**

- I. All participants agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the WPRA By-Laws and Official Rodeo Rules and by these Ground Rules
- II. 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 Rodeo Austin.
- III. Rodeo Austin is hosting a qualifier for contestants not already pre-seated in the rodeo. The rodeo will consist of a total of 88 contestants– 68 from pre-determined rankings (see below) and 20 from the qualifier.
- IV. Entries to fill in this order:
  - a. The top 17 from the 2026 Pro Rodeo World standings based on winnings 7 days prior to Rodeo Austin entries closing. Drop down until filled.
  - b. The top 18 contestants from the 2025 Pro Rodeo World standings not already qualified through above criteria. Drop down until filled.
  - c. The top 4 from the 2025 WPRA Tour not already qualified through above criteria. Drop down until filled.
  - d. The top 17 from the 2026 WPRA/PRCA Texas Circuit year-end barrel racing standings based on winnings 7 days prior to Rodeo Austin entries closing not already qualified through above criteria. Drop down until filled.
  - e. The top 12 from the 2025 WPRA/PRCA Texas Circuit year end barrel racing standings not already qualified through above criteria. Drop down until filled.
  - f. The Top 20 qualifying contestants from the qualifier will be placed in the performances at Rodeo Austin, along with the 68 contestants already entered. Contestants who have already qualified from above qualifications will not be eligible to enter the qualifier.
    - i. Entries for the qualifier will be taken through Pro Com.
    - ii. Qualifier Open to Cards and Permits. If you qualify as a permit member, you must have filled your Permit and purchased your card by Monday, February 24, 2025 at 12:00pm MT to be eligible to compete at Rodeo Austin

- iii. The 20 qualifying contestants will be the top twenty fastest times from the Rodeo Austin Qualifier in Stephenville.
- 1. Only “official entries” will be eligible for advancement from the 2026 Austin qualifier events to the 2026 Rodeo Austin.
- iv. Any ties in the qualifier which exist for advancement into the performances at Rodeo Austin will be broken in the order as follows:
  - 1. The tie will be broken based on the published 2025 official WPRA Pro Rodeo World Standings.
  - 2. If a tie still exists, tie will be broken by judge’s flip of coin.

V. Qualifier will be held at:

**377 Arena in Stephenville, TX - February 22 at 9am**

10740 N US Hwy 377

Stephenville, TX 76401

- VI. FEES - Entry fee & Procom fees to be determined by the WPRA and approved by Rodeo Austin. \$186 = \$150 entry fee + \$21 Procom fee + \$15 arena fee
- VII. Qualifier is held in conjunction with the Blake Myers barrel race. Contestants in the qualifier will have the option to roll their time into the open jackpot.
- VIII. TRACTOR DRAGS - after five (5) contestants and not condensed
- IX. WPRA rules apply
- X. Qualifier will count for 2026 Pro Rodeo World Standings.
- XI. Qualifier will count for 2026 Texas Circuit standings
- XII. CHECK-IN - All contestants must check in with the rodeo secretary’s office prior to running and sign a release of liability before competing in this qualifier.