



# **Cheyenne Frontier Days™**

## **2026 WPRA Ground Rules**

**July 17 – July 26, 2026**

### **WPRA Breakaway Roping Ground Rules**

1) WPRA rules for this contest apply, along with Cheyenne Frontier Days Ground Rules. Eligibility: Cards Only.

2) Entry Fee:

Breakaway: \$245+Procom Fee+\$25 Stock Charge = \$ 291.

3) **QUALIFICATIONS:**

a) Breakaway: Limited to 72. Qualifications:

i) The top 22 contestants from the 2025 WPRA Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings (drop down until filled)

ii) The top 22 contestants from the 2026 WPRA Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings based on winnings seven days prior to entry closing (drop down until filled)

iii) The top 10 from 2025 Pro Rodeo Breakaway Mountain States Circuit Standings (drop down until filled)

iv) The top 9 from 2026 Pro Rodeo Breakaway Mountain States Circuit Standings based on winnings seven days prior to entry closing (drop down until filled)

v) The champion contestant (winner of the Breakaway Roping if not qualified through previous, drop down until filled) from these 9 PRCA/WPRA Pro rodeos in 2026 that enter will be accepted-

(1) "Lakeside Rodeo" Lakeside, CA April 23-26, 2026

(2) "American Royal ProRodeo" Kansas City, MO April 30-May 2, 2026

(3) "Rodeo Killeen" Killeen, TX May 14- 16, 2026

(4) "Ag Expo Pro Rodeo" Watford City, ND May 22- 23, 2026

(5) "Will Rogers Stampede" Claremore, OK May 22-24, 2026

(6) "Colorado Stampede" Grand Junction, CO May 22-24, 2026

(7) "Home of the Navajo PRCA Rodeo" Window Rock, AZ May 29- 31, 2026

(8) "Eastern Oregon Livestock Show" Union, OR June 12-14, 2026

(9) "Buffalo Bill Rodeo" North Platte, NE June 17-20, 2026

(a) 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 Breakaway World Standings. If still tied it will be broken by taking the contestant with the most money won in the 2026 WPRA Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings as of seven days prior to entries closing.

(b) In the event that one or more of the listed qualifier rodeos is cancelled for any reason during the 2026 rodeo season, the contestants for that qualifying position will be selected from the year-end 2025 WPRA Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings.

(c) Contestants qualifying from the above rodeos are required to hold a 2026 WPRA Card membership at time of Cheyenne Frontier Days entry.

vi) Any remaining positions will be filled from the 2026 WPRA Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings based on winnings seven days prior to entry closing.

vii) The "30-Hour Replacement" Policy will be in effect.

#### 4) **FORMAT:**

##### ***Qualifying Performances – July 17-22 at 12:45pm-***

The qualifying performances will be ran during the first six performances (12 contestants per performance).

**Qualifying Ties:** Ties from the qualifying performances moving to the Semi-Finals will be taken.

##### **Qualifying Performances with less than six qualified runs:**

If there are less than 6 qualified times in one of the Qualifying Performances, the contestant(s) with the fastest time from the other Qualifying Performances will advance to the Semi-Finals.

- Ties among contestants advancing to fill open positions will be broken by taking the contestant placing highest in the 2026 Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings at the time of entry will advance. If still tied, the contestant placing highest in the 2025 Year-End Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings will advance.

##### ***SEMI-FINALS - July 23, 24 and 25 (Thu, Fri, Sat) at 12:45 pm-***

The top six fastest times from each of the first six performances will advance to the Semi-Finals (7th, 8th, and 9th performances), 12 per performance. Contestants advancing from the first two performances (17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) will be placed into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semi Finals on the 25<sup>th</sup>, Contestants advancing from the third and fourth performances (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) will be placed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi Finals on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and Contestants advancing from the fifth and six performances (21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>) will be placed into the 1<sup>st</sup> Semi Finals on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ties will be placed as evenly as possible between the Semi Finals.

Trades will be handled by the rodeo secretary. Once all trades are complete the Semi Finals running positions will be placed based on money won at Cheyenne. The contestant with the lowest amount will compete first and the contestant with the highest amount will compete last. To trade contestants must fill out a trade form at the Cheyenne rodeo office up to 5 PM on the day prior to the 7th performance. Four fastest times from each Semi-Finals perf advance to the Finals, July 30th.

**Semi Finals Ties:** Ties from the Semi Finals moving to the Finals will be broken by taking the contestant with fastest time in the Qualifying. If still tied, the contestant placing highest in the 2026 Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings at the time of entry will advance. If still tied, the contestant placing highest in the 2025 Year-End Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings will advance.

##### **Semi Finals with less than four qualified runs:**

If there are less than 4 qualified times in one of the Semi Finals performances, the contestant(s) with the fastest time from the other Semi Finals will advance to the Finals. If there are not 12 qualified times from all Semi-Finals performances, the Semi Finalist with the fastest time from the Qualifying Performances, who has not already qualified for the finals, will advance to the Finals until the field is full at 12.

- Ties among contestants advancing to fill open positions will be broken by taking the contestant placing highest in the 2026 Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings at the time of entry will advance. If still tied, the contestant placing highest in the 2025 Year-End Pro Rodeo Breakaway World Standings will advance.

**FINALS – July 26 (Sun) at 12:45 pm**

**Final Round:** The top 4 from each Semi Finals performances will advance to the Finals for a total of 12 contestants. The competition order in the Finals will be based on money won at Cheyenne. The contestant with the lowest amount will compete first and the contestant with the highest amount will compete last. In the case of a tie for first place in the Finals, the money allocated for the tied places will be split evenly among tied contestants. The event champion to receive awards will be the tied contestant with the most money won at Cheyenne. If still tied, will be the tied contestant with the fastest time in the Semi Finals. If still tied, will be the tied contestant with the fastest time in the qualifying performances.

**Cheyenne will not move contestants who have conflicts with another rodeo, so they must arrange a trade to avoid any potential overlap.**

		Qualifying Performances					Semi Finals			Finals	
		17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul
		Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		Perf 1	Perf 2	Perf 3	Perf 4	Perf 5	Perf 6	Perf 7	Perf 8	Perf 9	Perf 10
# Competing	#	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
	# Advancing	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	4	4	

**PAYOUT:**

\*\*Total purse (minus 6% to WPRA) will be divided as 35% to the Qualifying Performances, 28% to the Semi Finals and 37% to the Finals.

\*Qualifying Performances 35% purse will be divided evenly among performances and will pay four monies. Percentages will be per 11.1.2.8.

\*Semi Finals performances will pay six monies each. Percentages will be per rule 11.1.2.9.

\*Finals performance will pay six monies each. Percentages will be per rule 11.1.2.9.

- Breakaway will not count for Mountain States Circuit Standings/Count.

**GENERAL GROUND RULES**

1. *The Cheyenne Frontier Days Committee assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any participant, whether a contestant or not. Each participant, by the act of participation, waives all claims against the committee for injuries she or her property may sustain.*
2. *Please note that dress code will be enforced.*
3. *The barrier will be 20 feet and hand pulled. The chute will be manually opened (not automatic). Pushers will NOT be allowed.*
4. *Only bell collar catch will be allowed.*

5. *Rule 9.1.4 is waived for the duration of competition. (As pertains to a contestant being able to draw the same animal twice throughout the rounds of the rodeo.)*
6. *Contestants will enter the arena from the north end. Entry gate will remain closed. No foot traffic through T-5 Gate.*
7. While competing, contestants must wear their own numbers securely pinned on their back in a manner that is visible to the officials and event staff.
8. *No horses are permitted in the arena before or after any performances or rounds. There will be no exercising of horses in the arena prior to rodeo, or night show. PRCA, WPRA arena rules and CFD ground rules are in effect in the ready area, Chute 9 area and north end of the arena. There will be no ride times.*
9. Every contestant must pick up her number and sign a release at the Contestants Office prior to competing.
10. *Only entered contestants and one companion allowed with contestant number and CFD issued companion pass. Said companion pass will be issued on request by contestant at check in. PRCA/WPRA gold card holders can obtain a CFD issued companion pass for gate access at the Contestants Office.*
11. Parking passes will only be valid for days of competition, semi-finals and finals qualifiers will have to get another parking pass. Please check with the Rodeo Office for other local accommodations with stalls and camping facilities or for circumstances necessary for extended parking.
12. A limited number of stalls are available on a first come first served basis to entered contestants.
13. *The Cheyenne Frontier Days All Around Champion will be the Cowboy or Cowgirl who wins the most total money in two or more events. In the event no one wins money in more than one event, it will be the Cowboy or Cowgirl who wins the most total money while entered in more than one event.*
14. Due to large crowds entering and leaving Frontier Park, traffic will not be conducive for large vehicles and trailers from 4 to 5 PM and 7 PM to 1 AM. Contestants can park at the CFD offsite parking lot off I-25 at 1602 Southwest Drive. Dry camping, stalls, and water for animals will be available.
15. A contestant may compete on an animal in the Semi-finals, Wild Card round, or the Finals that he previously competed on in the qualifying performances.
16. If the number of entries in an event are less than the pre-established limit for that event, the format may be adjusted by the rodeo committee (with approval from Rodeo Administration) to accommodate the number of entries. The pay-off may also be adjusted to accommodate the format change.
17. *TD, SW, TR, SR, Breakaway- Qualifying/Performances: Pens of animals for all qualifying rounds or performances will be set by the event rep or designee in conjunction with the stock contractor, chute boss, arena director and PRCA judges. To best assure an even set for each day the animals will be visually inspected and set accordingly and may be done prior to the first performance or first qualifying round.*

- 18. The timed event stock draw may be done the evening prior to the Qualifying, Semi Finals, or Finals but the results of the draw will not be posted until one and a half hours prior to the Qualifying, Semi Finals, or Finals. All timed event stock draws are posted at Chute 9 only. All timed event draws will be done by computer in the secretary's office.*
  
- 19. Any animal in timed events that escapes from Chute 9 or must be replaced for any reason, contestant will move to the bottom of the list in all rounds, to be drawn from extra cattle and NOT according to misdraw procedure. Escaped animals go back into the herd.*