

California Rodeo Barrel Racing Ground Rules | 2026

1. GROUND RULES: Only actual contestant and one companion allowed gate access.
2. There will be a maximum of 120 entries
3. Three go-rounds W/F's (12). No trades allowed in the second and subsequent go-rounds.
4. FINAL: If televised, final will be run slowest to fastest. There will be a drag at 6 and hand rake between each run.
5. Should a contestant have a conflict between the arena and track for their breakaway and barrel racing runs, contestant will compete where drawn in the barrel race. She will have the opportunity to run her calf immediately following the first round of tie down roping. **Contestant must notify rodeo secretary of the conflict and request the hold no later than one hour prior to the beginning of the earliest slack.**
6. Performance dates and times: Slack will begin at 11:00 AM on July 16. 10:00 AM on July 17 & 18. Performance start times are 6:00PM on July 16 & 17. 1:00PM on July 18 & 19
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8. An Electric Eye will be used for timing.
9. ALL CONTESTANTS: If a contestant's actions are deemed detrimental to the WPRA, California Rodeo Salinas or the sport of rodeo in general, that contestant will not be eligible to enter or compete at the California Rodeo Salinas in 2027.
10. ALL CONTESTANTS: If a contestant who qualifies for the finals notifies a turn-out, doctor's release or visible injury release through PROCOM, the contestant with the next highest ranking in the average may be placed in that available position. (non-qualified TO's and VIR's after the turn out deadline will not be replaced). If the next highest ranked contestant is not available to accept the position, the next highest ranked contestant may be contacted and placed in that position. This procedure will be followed until all positions are filled. The replacement contestants competition order will be based on his ranking in the average (not on the ranking of the contestant he is replacing).
11. ALL CONTESTANTS: Secretary's office will be open from 12 (NOON) to 4 PM on Wed., July 15.
12. ALL CONTESTANTS: Contestant parking will be available starting Monday, July 13 at 8 AM. No early entry.

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13. ALL CONTESTANTS, STOCK CONTRACTORS AND PERSONNEL: Must sign a release of liability with the secretary before participating.
14. ALL CONTESTANTS WITH HORSES: All horses must be in compliance with current California Department of Food and Agriculture rules and requirements. Contestants who fail to comply with applicable animal health rules and regulations will be denied entry to the grounds or subject to removal from the grounds.

POST AT RODEO - REQUESTED BY COMMITTEE - NOT ENFORCED BY THE PRCA.

1. POST: A limited number of outside pens are available for rent. No advance reservations. First come, first served.
2. POST: No portable pens allowed on Rodeo grounds unless permanent pens are unavailable. If portable pens are allowed by the barn office, they must be metal panels. No electric fences. No tying horses overnight to trailers or trucks. Off-site overnight parking will be available.
3. POST: Arena will be closed to competitors on Tuesday and Wednesday.