



2027 Ground Rules

National Western Stock Show – WPRA Barrel Racing Qualifier

October 19, 2026

1. All participants agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PRCA and WPRA By-Laws and Official Rodeo Rules and by these Ground Rules
2. 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 the National Western Stock Show.
3. The National Western Stock Show is hosting a qualifier for contestants not already pre-seated based on the 2026 standings in the rodeo. The National Western Stock Show will consist of a total of 80 contestants– 40 from pre-determined standings (see below) and then 40 from the qualifier.
 - Entries from the pre-determined standings into The National Western Stock Show will be filled in the following order:
 - The top 28 contestants from the 2026 Pro Rodeo World Standings (drop down until filled)
 - The top 2 from the 2026 WPRA Tour Standings (drop down until filled)
 - The top 5 from the 2027 Pro Rodeo World Standings based on winnings seven days prior to the National Western Stock Show entry closing (drop down until filled)
 - The top 5 from the 2026 Pro Rodeo Mountain States Circuit Standings as of Sept. 23, 2026 (drop down until filled)
 - The contestants who are among the top 28 in the 2026 Pro Rodeo World Standings will not be accepted as entries for the Qualifier. All others may enter the Denver Qualifier on October 19.
4. **FORMAT:** 40 qualifying contestants from the qualifier will be placed in the performances at the National Western Stock Show, along with the 40 contestants qualifying through standings.
 - The 40 qualifying contestants will be:
 - i. The top ten from the first go-round (plus splits),
 - ii. The top ten from the second go-round that have not already qualified from the first go-round (plus splits)
 - iii. The remaining positions (not to exceed 40) will be filled from the fastest times in the average of go-round 1 and go-round 2.
 - iv. Any ties which exist for advancement into the performances at the National Western Stock Show will be broken in the order as follows:
 1. The contestant with the single fastest time; if still a tie,
 2. The tie will be broken based on the published 2026 official WPRA Pro Rodeo World Standings.
5. Two Go-Rounds to be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds located at: 500 Fairgrounds Rd. Castle Rock, CO 80104
 - Go-round 1 will be on Monday, October 19th 9:00 a.m.

- Go-round 2 will be on Monday, October 19th one hour after completion of the first go round.
6. ENTRIES - Qualifier entries will be capped at 210.
 7. FEES - Entry fee & Procom fees to be determined by the WPRA and approved by the National Western Stock Show. A ten-dollar (\$10) ground fee will be added to each contestant's entry fee.
 8. PATTERN - The barrel pattern will be set before the event begins on October 19, 2026.
 - The barrel pattern will be set using a laser eye in place of ground stakes.
 9. TRACTOR DRAGS - after five (5) contestants run.
 - Tractor drag to be condensed per WPRA Rule 12.8.2.1.1.
 10. Contestant must be ready to run when called upon, either the Chute Boss in agreement with Pro Official(s) or the Pro Official(s) may fine the contestant a \$100 fine if not ready.
 11. Anyone completing the pattern at a walk or trot or circling a barrel more than one time will be subject to a \$100 fine.
 12. Arena should be clear of non-competing contestants at all times. Any contestant(s) who does/do not abide by these rules will be fined \$100.
 13. When a contestant is finished competing, she should exit the arena.
 14. Friends and families of contestants are not allowed to enter the area at any time.
 15. CHECK-IN - All contestants must check in with the rodeo secretary's and sign a release of liability before competing in this rodeo.
 16. HEALTH PAPERS AND STALLING
 - Must have proof of current Coggins test and current health papers to enter Douglas County Fair grounds.
 - All stalls will be available to contestants at \$20 per night (includes one bag of shavings), beginning Sunday, 10/18/2026 after 5:00 p.m., on a first come first served basis. Only 80 stalls available.
 17. PARKING - Parking of contestant's vehicles and horse trailers must be in area designated by the Douglas County Fair parking lot operator.
 18. DOGS - It is recommended by NWSS&R that pets are left at home. If pets do travel with you, owners assume all liability for pets brought to the show. Pets are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and all pets must be on leashes (attached to person or property) or otherwise contained. No dogs will be allowed the arenas at any time. Any pet found loose will be detained by the show until a fine is paid. Any pet owner whose pet disrupts the show will be required to pay a \$100.00 fine to NWSS&R (Exception: service animals aiding individuals or those dogs under contract with NWSS&R). As a courtesy, pet owners are required to pick up and dispose of all animal waste in the appropriate areas.