

# 2023 Permit Finals Rodeo

## October 6-8, 2023

### GROUND RULES

#### **I. QUALIFIERS**

- A. The top 10 contestants based on fastest time per event from the WPRA Qualifier held on September 17th will automatically qualify to compete in the 2023 ProRodeo Permit Finals Rodeo. If qualifying contestant is unable to attend the Permit Finals after qualifying, contestant must turn out or release through Procom after the men's entries. 30 hour replacement policy in effect. This 2023 Permit Finals event will not be a WPRA qualifying event for the Las Vegas Permit Finals event or Rodeo Houston.

#### **II. GENERAL**

- A. By confirming your intent to compete in the FINALS to be held at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX, October 6 – 8, 2023, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these ground rules, and any other Addenda and Exhibits to these Ground Rules, the PRCA and the WPRA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules, and any other applicable rules, including all releases of liability set forth in those documents.
- B. Each person who qualifies to compete must also complete and sign the “PRCA/WPRA Release and Waiver and Choice of Venue” form, and this document must be received by the Rodeo Secretary prior to the first scheduled competition in order to be eligible to compete.
- C. The event winner for each performance must be prepared to take a victory lap following his/her event. In addition, immediately following the last bull rider all event winners for each performance are to be prepared to walk to a designated location (set by the Production Manager) for introduction. Failure to participate in any one of these functions will result in a \$100.00 fine for each violation.
- D. Nightly event winners are required to attend an autograph session immediately following each performance at a designated area. Unless excused due to injury, failure to participate in the autograph session shall result in an initial \$250.00 fine, that fine doubling progressively for each reported offense thereafter.
- E. No FINALS participant may wear or display in the Extraco Events Center or competition arena of the FINALS (including the areas behind the chutes and the grounds) any patch or signage (as defined in the PRCA “Rules & Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena”) which is in conflict with, or opposed to, PRCA’s and/or Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Properties, Inc. National Sponsors, unless registered by PRCA Properties in the 2023 PRCA Patch Program. WPRA contestants see WPRA Rule 19.1.1.
- F. A contestant in each event will be chosen to represent a sponsor team. Sponsor team participants will be selected prior to the first performance. Each team member will be required to wear a sponsor back number and make one appearance at the sponsor’s place of business, if requested, during the FINALS.
- G. Each contestant will be furnished a FINALS back number, which must be worn and displayed in its entirety at all times when in the competition arena. If a contestant has an existing patch sponsorship involving the cantle/yoke of the shirt, then that contestant may

wear the FINALS back number immediately below the existing cantle/yoke patch. If a contestant elects to wear a protective vest or jacket, then that contestant must wear the FINALS back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the FINALS back number in its entirety as outlined above will result in a fine of \$1,000.00 for the first offense, \$2,000.00 for the second offense, \$4000.00 for the third offense, and disqualification for the fourth and subsequent offense.

- H. All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by a unanimous vote of all PRCA Judges assigned to officiate that event that a contestant did not give an honest effort, he will be (i) disqualified from the go-round in which the violation occurred and any remaining go-rounds and (ii) assessed a fine in the amount of \$5,000. For purposes of this ground rule, whether a contestant gives an honest effort will be determined as follows:

**Breakaway Roping:** In the timed events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse across the score line (unless the PRCA Judges rule he was fouled leaving the box) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Once the contestant has ridden his horse across the score line, it is the sole responsibility of the PRCA Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, PRCA Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

**Barrel Race:** In the barrel race, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, her horse through the electric eye (unless the PRCA Judges rule the contestant's horse refuses beyond the contestant's control) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Once the contestant has ridden her horse through the electric eyes, it is the sole responsibility of the PRCA Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, PRCA Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

- I. Any contestant using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, or using inappropriate gestures will be fined in accordance with Bylaws, of the PRCA Rulebook or the WPRA Rulebook, Conduct Detrimental to Public Image and will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$500.00, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.

### **III. CHECK-IN**

- A. Contestants, FINALS Officials, and FINALS Contract Personnel are required to check-in at the Rodeo Secretary's office (or designated area determined by the Extraco Events Center President/CEO or his designee) at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. prior to the first go round of competition. At that time, each contestant will receive a packet of information and credentials. Failure to check-in during this time will result in a \$250.00 fine.
- B. Contestants will receive no more than one free ticket for each performance. PRCA/WPCA companion passes will not be honored for admission to the grounds or the Extraco Coliseum (rodeo venue).
- C. Stalls will be on a first come, first served basis. All contestant horses must be removed from the stalls no later than Noon on Monday, October 9th, 2023. Failure to do so may result in a \$500.00 fine per horse left in the stalls past the deadline.

### **IV. MEETING/REHEARSAL**

- A. All contestants (scheduled to compete in that night's performance), stock contractors, FINALS Officials, and FINALS Contract Personnel are required to attend a meeting and rehearsal PRIOR TO THE FIRST PERFORMANCE, scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the rodeo arena in the Extraco Coliseum in Waco, TX.

**1. First Performance: Meeting & Rehearsal Friday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m.**

- B. All rehearsals/meetings will require all contestants to sign-in and attend the meeting/rehearsal until dismissed. Any contestant failing to sign-in and/or attend a meeting or rehearsal as required may result in a \$250.00 fine for each event missed.

**V. FORMAT**

- A. The FINALS will be a three-performance rodeo.
- B. Tie Breakers:
1. FINALS Winner: If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the fastest time in previous round. If there is still a tie, the tie will be broken by fastest time from the WPRA Permit Finals Qualifier.
  2. Nightly Winners: If a tie exists for nightly event winners in a performances one set of prizes will be given by the Committee and the winner will be determined as listed above in B1.

**VI. ENTRY FEES / PAYOFF**

- A. Entry Fees (Paid for by contestant)
- Breakaway \$271= \$225 Entry Fee + \$25 Stock Charge + \$21 Procom fee
  - Barrels \$246= \$225 Entry Fee + \$21 Procom fee
- B. Total purse for WPRA events in the 3 go-rounds will be the total of \$10,000 committee added money plus entry fees, minus WPRA 6%.
- C. All go rounds and average will pay 4 places per WPRA Rule 11.1.2.1.

**VII. COMPETITION ORDER AND DRAW ORDER**

- A. All go rounds will be random draw.

**VIII. TIMED EVENTS**

- A. All contestants with animals must have the following documents for their animals in order to participate in the FINALS:
1. Valid veterinary certificate of inspection or health certificate issued within thirty (30) days of the date of admission to the grounds. Documents must be signed by a licensed veterinarian.
  2. Current Coggins test.
- B. Cattle used in the timed events shall be selected by the Heart O' Texas Rodeo Committee.

Selected timed event stock contractors will provide one animal for every contestant plus extras.

- C. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.00.
- D. Rattling the gates in the timed event chutes (to get a horse to score) will result in a \$250.00 fine which will progressively double for each violation thereafter.
- E. If a contestant is not ready when called, the Chute Boss in agreement with the PRCA Judges, or the PRCA Judges, may fine a contestant \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. For purposes of these ground rules, “ready when called” shall be defined as the following: contestant must be riding into the box as directed by the Chute Boss or Production Manager when previous animal is excused from the arena.
  - 1. Girls Break Away: 45 second enforced time limit on ready when called. Contestant and horse must promptly exit the arena or return immediately to the timed event once run is complete.
- F. Timed event contestants will enter and exit the arena as directed by the Manager of Production.
  - 1. Ladies Breakaway: Contestants are limited to 45 seconds in the box. Contestants must exit the arena by following the calf out at a trot. Failure to do so may result in a \$250 fine.
- G. There shall be no more than one man in the box if so requested by the contestant. Only one horse in the box will be permitted.
- H. A contestant must have their hat on while in the box, with no assistance in keeping on or taking off said hat by another person.
- I. The PRCA Judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
- J. Time Limits are as follows (not including penalties):  
  
Girls Breakaway:        45 seconds
- K. The FINALS Committee shall designate a time for extras in each of the timed events to be run.
- L. If a timed event animal escapes the chute prior to the contestant calling for him, that contestant will automatically receive the first extra and will compete on that animal in the performance. The escaped animal will be put back into the herd.

## **IX. Barrel Race**

- A. Barrel Racers must run in and run out. Venue specific ground rules will be posted in the secretary’s office. Failure to adhere to these ground rules will result in a \$100 fine.
- B. All contestants with animals must have the following documents for their animals in order to participate in the FINALS:
  - 1. Valid veterinary certificate of inspection or health certificate issued within thirty (30) days of the date of admission to the grounds. Documents must be signed by a licensed veterinarian.

2. Current Coggins test.
- C. If a contestant is not ready when called, the Arena Director in agreement with the PRCA Judges may fine contestant \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. For purposes of these ground rules, “ready when called” shall be defined as the following: contestant must be ready to ride into alley when the “side” alley gate is opened.
  - D. Barrel Racing contestants will enter and exit the arena directed by the Arena Director.
  - E. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.00.
  - F. Arena crew will drag with a tractor each barrel after every 5<sup>th</sup> contestant in the barrel race (Not Condensed).