

FWSSR GROUND RULES – WPRA BARREL RACE

1. WPRA Barrel Racing rules will be in effect. See WPRA rule book.
2. Card members only, permits not accepted.
3. Contestants must be 18 years of age or older.
4. 18 total performances- 7 brackets of 2 rounds of eight contestants each will account for the first fourteen (14) performances plus a Wild Card Round for performance 15, Two (2) Semi-Finals of 1 round each for performances 16 and 17 and 1 Finals Round for performance 18.
5. Qualifications.
  - a. The top 45 from the 2021 WPRA Pro Rodeo World Standings that enter will be accepted (drop down until filled).
  - b. The champion contestant (winner of the barrel race) from these 7 Texas Circuit PRCA/WPRA rodeos in 2021 that enter will be accepted (drop down until filled):
    - i. Ellis County Fair and Rodeo - Waxahachie, TX
    - ii. Mineral Wells, TX Rodeo
    - iii. Weatherford, TX - Parker County Sheriff's Posse Frontier Days and PRCA Rodeo
    - iv. Johnson County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo - Cleburne, TX
    - v. Gladewater, TX Round-Up Rodeo
    - vi. North Texas State Fair and Rodeo - Denton, TX
    - vii. Wichita Falls, TX PRCA Rodeo

\*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 2021 WPRA World Standings. If still tied it will be broken by taking the contestant with the most money won in the 2022 WPRA World Standings as of January 3, 2022.
  - c. Top 4 contestants from the 2021 WPRA Tour Standings that enter will be accepted (drop down until filled).
  - d. In the event that one or more of the listed qualifier rodeos is cancelled for any reason during the 2021 rodeo season, the contestants for that qualifying position will be selected from the 2021 year end standings (contestant that is selected must not be able to qualify under any other qualifications, drop down until filled).
6. Format.
  - a. Two rounds. Back to back (7 brackets of 8 contestants will account for the first 14 performances, 1 Wild Card Round for performance 15, 2 Semi-Finals Rounds for performances 16 and 17 and 1 Finals Round for performance 18 – 18 total performances). No previous times will be carried forward through any of the competition brackets, Wild Card, Semi-Finals or Finals. The top 2 money winners (14 total) in each

bracket will advance to compete in one round of the semi-finals (8 contestants per round). The third top money winner (7 total) in each bracket will advance to the Wild Card Round which will also consist of one round. The remaining non-qualifiers from each bracket that did not advance will be placed into a pool of non-qualifiers. At the conclusion of bracket 7, the top money winner from the pool of non-qualifiers will advance to the Wild Card Round to fill the number 8 position in that round. The top two money winners from the Wild Card Round will advance to one round of the semi-finals. Ground money counts towards advancement but does not count for official championship points. No previous times will be carried forward. The qualifiers for the two semi-finals rounds will be seeded as follows: Semi-Finals number one (performance 16): #1 money winner from bracket 1, #2 money winner from bracket 2, #1 money winner from bracket 3, #2 money winner from bracket 4, #1 money winner from bracket 5, #2 money winner from bracket 6, #1 money winner from bracket 7, #1 money winner from Wild Card Round. Semi-Finals number two (performance 17): #2 money winner from bracket 1, #1 money winner from bracket 2, #2 money winner from bracket 3, #1 money winner from bracket 4, #2 money winner from bracket 5, #1 money winner from bracket 6, #2 money winner from bracket 7, #2 money winner from Wild Card Round. The actual competition order will be drawn randomly. Qualifying contestants will have until the start of the 7th bracket to trade positions with another contestant from their bracket for the semi-finals. Contestants qualifying in the 7th and final bracket will have 30 minutes upon the completion of the bracket to trade in the semi-finals. No previous times will be carried forward. From the semi-finals, the top 4 contestants per performance based on fastest times will advance to the Finals (8 total). The finals (performance 18) will consist of 8 contestants (4 from each of the semi-finals rounds). The event champion will be determined by the fastest time in the finals.

7. Payout.

- a. All events. No average. Payoff for each round within the brackets: 1st - \$1,760, 2nd - \$1,320, 3rd - \$880, 4th - \$440. Payoff for the 15th performance (wild card round): 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$600, 3rd - \$400. Payoff for the 16th and 17th performances (semi-finals rounds): 1st - \$4,000, 2nd - \$3,000, 3rd - \$2,000, 4th - \$1,000. Payoff for the 18th performance (finals round): 1st - \$20,000, 2nd - \$12,000, 3rd - \$8,000, 4th - \$4,000.

8. Entries.

- a. Total of fifty-six (56) entries. Eight (8) contestants per bracket. Seven (7) total brackets.

9. All round competition orders will be drawn randomly.

10. The ground will be raked after each run.

11. Trades.

- a. In the event of a conflict, contestants will be eligible to trade by 5 pm the day before the first round of the bracket they are scheduled to compete in. All confirmed trades will be final and will be processed immediately after both involved parties have confirmed through PROCOM. Trades can be made up to 5:00pm the evening prior to round 1 of each bracket that the contestant is scheduled

to compete in.

12. Turn-Outs.

- a. If a contestant chooses not to compete for a “non-injury” related reason, that contestant will be ineligible to compete in any FWSSR event for the remainder of the current year, plus the following year.
- b. If a contestant who is entered in any of the brackets turns out (includes D.R.'s and V.I.R.'s) prior to, during or after their first competition performance, the position will be filled with a qualified alternate.
- c. If a contestant who advances to the wild card from their bracket turns-out (includes D.R.'s and V.I.R.'s), the contestant that has the next highest earnings at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo in that respective bracket will be placed in the available position in the Wild Card (drop down until filled). If a contestant who has qualified for the semi-finals turns out (includes D.R.'s and V.I.R.'s) the next highest score or fastest time from the Wild Card will advance to semi-finals. (drop down until filled)
- d. If a contestant who advances from the semi-finals to the finals turns-out (includes D.R.'s and V.I.R.'s), the contestant that has the next fastest time in the semi-finals will be placed in the available position in the finals (drop down until filled).

13. Not enough qualified times to fill the succeeding round.

- a. If not enough contestants record a qualifying time to fill the available positions from the brackets to the Wild Card Round and/or Semi-Finals Round the available positions will be filled using the following criteria: most money won in the brackets, if still unable to fill, fastest time in the brackets, if still unable to fill, the available positions will be filled based on the highest amount of money earned in the previous year's WPRA ProRodeo World Standings.
- b. If not enough contestants record a qualifying time to fill the available positions from the Wild Card Round to the Semi-Finals Round, contestants from the Wild Card Round will advance based on the following criteria: most money won in the brackets, if still unable to fill, fastest time in the brackets, if still unable to fill, the available positions will be filled based on the highest amount of money earned in the previous year's WPRA ProRodeo World Standings.
- c. If not enough contestants record a qualified time to fill the available positions from the Semi-Finals Round to the Final Round, contestants from the Semi-Finals Round will advance based on the following criteria: next qualified time in any performance of the semi-finals, most money won in the brackets, if still unable to fill, fastest time in the brackets, if still unable to fill, the available positions will be filled based on the highest amount of money earned in the previous year's WPRA ProRodeo World Standings.
- d. For purposes of selecting a champion, if no contestants record a qualified time in any one event during the finals, the champion contestant will be the contestant with the most money won during the entire Fort Worth Rodeo.

14. Ties.

For advancement purposes only.

- a. If there is a tie in the bracket, it will be broken by any single fastest in any round in the bracket. If still tied, the tie will be broken by any round winner in the bracket. If still tied, the tie will be broken based on the highest amount of money

- earned in the previous year's WPRA ProRodeo World Standings.
- b. If there is a tie in the Wild Card Round or Semi-Finals Rounds, they will be broken by any single fastest time in any round in the bracket. If still tied, the tie will be broken by any round winner in the bracket. If still tied, the tie will be broken based on the highest amount of money earned in the previous year's WPRA ProRodeo World Standings.
  - c. If there is a tie in the Finals for event champion, co-champions will be awarded.
  - d. Ties for payout will be treated as such and split evenly among the tied contestants in all brackets and rounds.
15. WPRA dress code will apply. The Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show requests you provide rodeo patrons with a good show and a lot of "bling"!
16. All contestants.
- a. Enter the grounds via Gate 44 - Harley Avenue and Trail Drive – 3350 Trail Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76107. FWSSR Staff will provide further directions on unloading at this point. Contestants may only unload horses and tack in the stalls provided. Once contestant has unloaded, trailers must be moved immediately to the Contestant Parking Lot, Gate 52. RV Hookups will be available at no charge in the Contestant Parking Lot for a maximum period of 24 hours around the contestant's scheduled performance(s). Contestants will be allowed into the Contestant Parking Lot on a first come, first served basis - no reservations accepted. Contestant Parking Lot is secured 24 hours a day.
  - b. Vehicles will park in designated contestant lots on Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo grounds. Contestant Hospitality transportation on the grounds will be provided.
  - c. All contestants must sign a release of liability and any other forms provided by the Rodeo Secretary before competing.
  - d. Must have Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within thirty (30) days and Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test, also known as a "Coggins" Test, within the past twelve (12) months. Proof of Coggins Test must be presented in either the original document or copy of the original document that has been approved by the Texas Animal Health Commission. Test date, accession number and name of laboratory must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Exemption: Equine may enter shows, fairs, exhibitions or assemblies without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection when accompanied by a valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card and a completed VS Form 10-11 showing negative results to an official EIA test within the previous six (6) months.
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17. All contestants must wear the back number provided by the FWSSR Rodeo Secretary - which must be visible at all times upon entrance to Dickies Arena to gain entry to Dickies Arena floor, including: locker rooms, rodeo arena floor, stalling area, secretary's office, rodeo hospitality and all rodeo related locations within Dickies Arena, whether competing or not. For

security reasons, contestants will likely be asked for identification. If the contestant is wearing a jacket or vest, the back number must be pinned to the outside of the jacket or vest. Any misuse of back number will be cause for disqualification.

18. Only actual contestant and one companion allowed gate access. Contestant will have access to one rodeo ticket for the rounds in which they are competing. Companions are not allowed to enter Dickies Arena without a ticket. WPRA members not entered in the rodeo will not be permitted to enter Dickies Arena with a WPRA card.
19. Contestants must ride in the Grand Entry in the bracket and rounds in which they are competing.
20. Overnight camping on show grounds will only be allowed in the designated contestant parking lot. Any trailer unhooked from vehicle that is not within the designated contestant parking lot will be towed at owner's expense.
21. No dogs, with exception of specialty acts and sheep dog trials, will be allowed on grounds including Stock Show parking lots.
22. No one other than judges and show officials will be allowed in alleyways and arena during the barrel race event. All contestants must have back number visible to enter the alleyways and arena.
23. Contestant assistants not entered will obtain credentials from the rodeo secretary's office. To obtain credentials, the individual(s) must be a member of the PRCA/WPRA with PRCA/WPRA insurance dues paid for the current year. Individuals without the proper credentials will not be permitted onto the floor level of Dickies Arena, into the rodeo arena, behind the bucking chutes, behind the timed event boxes or in any support alley's or facilities.
24. Once the run or ride has been completed, contestants must promptly exit the arena.
25. Pattern: Arena Size 125 ft. X 250 ft. Contestants enter arena from long alley (no obstructions). Electric eyes are set 30 ft. inside arena, approximately 65 ft. apart. Distance to first barrel is 60 ft., second barrel is 66 ft., third barrel is 105 ft., finish line is 160 ft. All measurements are approximate.

\* \* \* ADDITIONAL FWSSR GROUND RULES \* \* \*

1. POST: Horseshoeing in contestants' barn only.
2. POST: Seventy-two (72) rodeo tickets for contestants will be available through and issued by the rodeo secretary for each round, including all rounds in each bracket, wild card, semi-finals and finals rounds.
3. POST: No dogs with the exception of contract acts, will be allowed on the grounds, including parking lots.
4. POST: No overnight camping on Stock Show grounds except in contestant parking lot.
5. POST: Overnight parking of horse trailers must be in designated contestant parking area.
6. POST: Contestant ride times in the rodeo arena will be from 8am until 4 hours before the rodeo performance begins. (Monday – Friday: 8am-3:30pm, Saturday: 8am-10am, Sunday: 8am-10am).

7. POST: Contestants may set up practice barrels in the arena during the scheduled ride times, however competition barrels will only be used during the scheduled rodeo performance and may not be used during ride times or practice runs.

**APPROVED**  
**2022 RODEO SCHEDULE - FWSSR**

**FWSSR PRORODEO TOURNAMENT:**

January 21	Friday	7:30pm	Bracket 1, Round 1
January 22	Saturday	7:30pm	Bracket 1, Round 2
January 23	Sunday	2:00pm	Bracket 2, Round 1
January 24	Monday	7:30pm	Bracket 2, Round 2
January 25	Tuesday	7:30pm	Bracket 3, Round 1
January 26	Wednesday	7:30pm	Bracket 3, Round 2
January 27	Thursday	7:30pm	Bracket 4, Round 1
January 28	Friday	2:00pm	Bracket 4, Round 2
January 28	Friday	7:30pm	Bracket 5, Round 1
January 29	Saturday	11:00am	Bracket 5, Round 2
January 29	Saturday	7:30pm	Bracket 6, Round 1
January 30	Sunday	2:00pm	Bracket 6, Round 2
January 31	Monday	7:30pm	Bracket 7, Round 1
February 1	Tuesday	7:30pm	Bracket 7, Round 2
February 2	Wednesday	7:30pm	Wild Card Round
February 3	Thursday	7:30pm	Semi-Final Round A
February 4	Friday	7:30pm	Semi-Final Round B
February 5	Saturday	7:30pm	Championship Finals