

2023 ProRodeo WPRA Qualifier for Permit Finals

September 17, 2023

GROUND RULES

I. QUALIFYING DETAILS

- A. The WPRA qualifying round will be held on September 17, 2023, with the barrel racing at 9:00am and breakaway roping starting no earlier than 10:00am. To enter the qualifier, you must be a current 2023 season eligible permit or permit extension holder.
- B. The top 10 contestants based on fastest time per event will automatically qualify to compete in the 2023 ProRodeo Permit Finals Rodeo in Waco, TX on October 6-8. 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.
- C. 30 Hour Replacement Policy will be in effect for the October 6-8 Permit Finals.

II. GENERAL

- A. By confirming your intent to compete in the FINALS to be held at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX, September 17, 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. 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 2022 PRCA Patch Program. WPRA contestants see WPRA Rule 19.1.1.
- C. 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, she will be fined per the WPRA rulebook. For purposes of this ground rule, whether a contestant gives an honest effort will be determined as follows:

Break Away Roping: In the timed events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment or riding her 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 her 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.

- D. 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 WPRA Rulebook.

III. FORMAT

- A. One go round with top 10 fastest times in each event advancing to the Permit Finals held on October 6-8 in Waco, TX.
- B. Tie Breakers: Judges will break any ties by a coin flip. No more than 10 contestants will advance.
- C. If there are less than 10 qualified times, positions will be filled by running the contestants that did not have a qualified time again. The fastest times will fill the remaining 10 positions for advancement. This process will be continued until the 10 positions are filled and is used for qualifying purposes only.

IV. ENTRY FEES / PAYOFF

- A. Barrel Entry Fee \$86 (\$65 Entry Fee+\$21 Procom Fee).
- B. Breakaway Entry Fee \$146 (\$100 Entry Fee+\$21 Procom Fee+\$25 Stock Charge).
- C. No added money and payout will be per WPRA Rule 11.1.

V. Breakaway

- 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.
- C. Rattling the gates in the timed event chutes (to get a horse to score) is not permitted.
- D. 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 per the WPRA rulebook. 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.
- E. Timed event contestants will enter and exit the arena as directed by the Manager of Production.
- F. There shall be no more than one woman in the box if so requested by the contestant. Only one horse in the box will be permitted.
- G. 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.

- H. The PRCA Judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
- I. Time Limits are as follows (not including penalties):
Ladies Breakaway: 30 seconds
- J. The FINALS Committee shall designate a time for extras in each of the timed events to be run.
- K. 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. The escaped animal will be put back into the herd.

VI. Barrel Race

- A. Barrel Racers must run in and run out. Any venue specific ground rules will be posted in the secretary's office.
- 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 a contestant per the WPRA rulebook. 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. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.00.
- E. Barrel Racing contestants will enter and exit the arena directed by the Arena Director.
- F. Arena crew will drag with a tractor each barrel after every 5th contestant in the barrel race(Not Condensed).

VII. LIVESTOCK

- A. Stock must be inspected by the Livestock Superintendent at the time of arrival and must be accompanied by current certified veterinary health papers and certificates as required by Texas Law. No sore, lame, sick, or injured animal will be accepted or paid for. This includes any animal with a wound that, in the PRCA's sole discretion, is cosmetically questionable. Bred mares in late term of pregnancy or mares with colts may not be accepted.