

2023 WRANGLER NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

GROUND RULES

I. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- A. Contestants must confirm entry by calling PROCOM from 12 p.m. (MT) Tuesday, October 17, 2023, to 12 p.m. (MT) Wednesday, October 18, 2023, and submitting a signed Contestant Participation Agreement with a completed W-9.
- B. Contestants not confirmed by 12 p.m. October 18, 2023, will be fined \$250. Failure to return a completed W-9 and copy of the participation agreement by that time will result in a fine for late entry and a hold on the guaranteed payment of \$10,000 for participation in the NFR, until such time as a signed copy of said documents is produced.
- C. Team roping headers and heelers must designate their partners for the NFR in accordance with the "Procedures for Pairing Team Roping Headers and Heelers for the 2023 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In addition, steer wrestling contestants must designate their hazer at time of entry.
- D. A NFR contestant or NFR official/personnel, or any animal used at the NFR, may not compete at or participate in any other rodeo or jackpot (except for certain positions approved by the NFRC at NFR-related events) from the date of NFR contestant check-in through and including the date of the final performance of the NFR.

II. GENERAL

- A. All participants, by virtue of their participation in the NFR agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PRCA Rulebook and official rodeo rules and these ground rules. WPRA members acknowledge by their participation in the NFR the authority and jurisdiction of the PRCA Rulebook and official rodeo rules and these ground rules as set forth in the agreement between the PRCA and WPRA, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- B. Enforcement and interpretation of the PRCA Rulebook and official rodeo rules and these ground rules during the NFR shall be handled by a subcommittee of the National Finals Rodeo Committee (NFRC). This subcommittee shall be comprised of the PRCA Commissioner/CEO, the PRCA Director of Rodeo Administration, the PRCA timed event and riding event representatives serving on the NFRC, and the PRCA stock contractor, rodeo committee and contract personnel representatives serving on the NFRC.
- C. No NFR participant or personnel may wear or display in the competition arena (including the areas behind the chutes and the moat) or at any PRCA-related function (including but not limited to the Welcome Reception, PRCA autograph sessions or PRCA-requested media interviews) of the NFR any patch or signage (as defined in the "Rules and Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena") which is in conflict with PRCA's and/or Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Properties, Inc.'s national sponsors. All other provisions of the "Rules and Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, shall also be in effect at the NFR.
- D. The rules set forth in the "Addendum to Ground Rules 2023 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D, are hereby incorporated into these ground rules. All NFR participants are subject to and agree to abide and be bound by the rules set forth in this Addendum.
- E. Back Numbers: Each contestant will be furnished with a NFR 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 NFR 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 NFR back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the NFR back number in its entirety as outlined above will result in a fine of \$1,000 for the first offense, and disqualification from the NFR for the second offense. **A contestant may be fined without warning and may be subject to immediate disqualification if the offense takes place during the last performance.**

- F. Any NFR participant or official using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, or using any obscene gesture, will be fined in accordance with **R11.4.6 Conduct Detrimental to Public Image (WPRA Rule 9.3)** and will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$500, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.
- G. **The only people having access to the cattle pens will be the livestock superintendent and crew. Anyone accessing the pens without approval from the livestock superintendent will be fined \$1,000 with possible disqualification from the event.**
- H. All contract personnel not on time for rehearsals, meetings and other scheduled appointments will be fined \$250 for the first offense. That fine progressively doubles thereafter.
- I. Any contestant not cooperating and/or interfering with the production of the rodeo will be fined \$500, progressively doubling with each offense.

III. **SUBSTITUTIONS AND DRAWING OUT**

- A. If for any reason a contestant is unable to compete, the next contestant in the PRCA/WPRA World Standings in that event will be accepted. Changes will not be allowed after the first go-round is completed, except in the team roping in accordance with ground rule #III.D.
- B. If a contestant qualifies for the NFR and becomes injured prior to the start of the rodeo, the NFR official doctor would decide if the contestant is capable of competing. If the contestant is unable to compete, the 16th place individual in the World Standings in that event would replace the injured contestant. The qualified contestant will receive 50% of the guaranteed prize money, the ring, the jacket, the back number and 50% of the contestant tickets available for purchase. The remaining 50% of the guaranteed prize money, the hotel room, an additional back number, the complimentary ticket and 50% of the tickets available for purchase will go to the replacement.
- C. If a contestant qualifies for the NFR, accepts the guaranteed prize money and does not compete in the NFR in the year of his/her qualification, said contestants shall immediately become ineligible with the PRCA/WPRA and will remain ineligible until such guaranteed prize money is returned to LVE. In addition, the PRCA/WPRA may determine further offenses which would subject the member to additional fines, ineligibility, suspension, suspension of PRCA/WPRA privileges and/or expulsion unless otherwise stated.
- D. Any team entered in the team roping event at the NFR suffering disabling injury or illness to either partner during the time period of the NFR may be allowed to continue roping with a substitute partner.

Up to and including the 7th go-round, the substitute partner must be the next highest ranked (header/heeler) in the 2023 Team Roping World Standings. If the NFR contestant was a header, the next ranked header in the 2023 Team Roping-Header World Standings will fill the position. Likewise, if the NFR contestant was a heeler, the next ranked heeler in the 2023 Team Roping-Heeler World Standings will fill the position. If the substitute partner is willing to participate but is unable to arrive in time for the next scheduled performance, the original partner may turn out of the next scheduled performance without having to turn out of the second consecutive performance as required in Section IV.B. of these ground rules.

After the 7th go-round, the substitute partner must use the following options: (i) the non-injured/non-ill partner (the "original partner") may choose to add the next highest ranked contestant, who is not already participating in the NFR team roping and who has not declined to participate in the NFR team roping due to injury or illness, who is in the same category of competitors as the injured or ill partner (i.e., header or heeler), who is financially eligible and competition eligible (as defined in the PRCA Rulebook); or (ii) any contestant entered in the NFR but not already competing in team roping. If the next highest ranked individual who qualifies under option (i) is not available or is unwilling to participate, the original partner must choose a replacement from category (ii). If the original partner chooses the next highest ranked header or heeler under option (i) above, and that

substitute partner is willing to participate but is unable to arrive in time for the next scheduled performance, the original partner may turn out of the next scheduled performance without having to turn out of the second consecutive performance as required in Section IV.B. of these ground rules. If the original partner chooses a replacement partner under option (i), the replacement partner shall be eligible to win the World Championship in the team roping header or heeler category but shall not be eligible for All-Around points. If the replacement partner chooses a replacement partner under option (ii), the replacement partner will not be eligible for the team roping World Championship, nor will the replacement partner's points earned in the team roping apply to the All-Around Standings. Regardless of whether the replacement partner comes from category (i) or (ii), the newly formed team will be eligible for go-round money, but will only be eligible for the average pay-off if this newly formed team competes in all 10 go-rounds. ***If the original team competed in one or more go-rounds prior to the replacement taking place, the original team will remain in contention for the average on the number of head they roped together, provided that the disabling injury or illness of the partner no longer roping is verified by the official NFR doctor.***

The original member of the newly formed team will be eligible for the team roping World Championship, and points won will apply to the All-Around Standings for the original partner if he meets the criteria outlined in Bylaw B8.2 and other applicable sections of the PRCA Rulebook. Once a substitute has competed, the original team cannot be reformed.

- E. In the event a contract personnel member becomes incapable of performing his/her duties, the general manager of production will have sole authority on selecting a replacement.

In the instance that a pickup man needs to be replaced during the NFR, the substitute pickup man will be a designated NFR arena usher. If the replacement uses the original pickup man's horses, the original pickup man retains 75% of compensation from the point of replacement and the replacement pickup man will receive 25% of the compensation from the point of replacement. If the replacement pickup man uses other horses, the owner of the horses will receive 50% of the compensation from the point of replacement, the replacement pickup man will receive 25% of the compensation from the point of replacement, and the original pickup man will receive 25% of the compensation from the point of replacement.

- F. In the case of a strike, boycott or other work stoppage, if there are fewer than five contestants (or teams in the team roping) in an event in any one go-round, the event will be canceled and the money for the remaining go-rounds and average will be distributed evenly to the remaining events, with the payoff over the full 10 go-rounds and average of the remaining events recalculated as if that money had been available initially.

IV. TURN OUTS

- A. Each contestant must accept their first head of livestock to be eligible for further competition at the NFR.
- B. An injured contestant may, with a proper doctor's release from a medical doctor on the official NFR medical staff, turn out. If he does turn out, he must turn out at least two consecutive go-rounds in an event before resuming competition on the rest of his stock. A turn out in this instance will **not** eliminate the contestant from contention for the average. If entered in two events, the contestant may still continue to compete in the other event, if he feels he is able to do so, subject to NFRC approval. The contestant must notify the arena secretary of his intention to turn out, and provide her with the official doctor release from the NFR medical staff, no later than three hours prior to the performance. Failure to abide by this deadline will result in a \$250 fine.
- C. A turn out from any go-round of a given event without a proper doctor's release from a medical doctor on the official NFR medical staff shall result in (i) disqualification from that go-round of that event and any remaining go-rounds in that event, (ii) disqualification from contention for the average payoff in that event, and (iii) a fine of \$5,000.
- D. All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by a unanimous vote of all 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, (ii) disqualified from contention for the average payoff in the event for which he did not give an honest effort, and (iii) 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:

Riding Events: In the riding events, a contestant using appropriate equipment who fails to ride his horse or bull out of the chute (except in the case of a chute stalling animal or unless the judges rule the contestant was fouled coming out of the chute) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Specifically, the bareback riding contestant must have his hand in the riggin' *and be seated on the horse* until the inside shoulder of the horse crosses the plane of the chute gate; the saddle bronc riding contestant must have feet in the stirrups, seat in the saddle and rein in his hand when the inside shoulder of the horse crosses the plane of the chute gate; and the bull riding contestant must have his hand in the bull rope with the tail of the bull rope in the grip of his riding hand only, *and be seated on the bull* when the inside shoulder of the bull crosses the plane of the chute gate. Once the contestant has ridden the horse/bull out of the chute, it is the sole responsibility of the judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete his ride.

Tie-down roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping: In the timed events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse across the score line (unless the 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 judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, the judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

Barrel Racing: In the barrel racing, a contestant using appropriate equipment who fails to ride her horse through the electric eyes (unless the 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 judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

- E. A multi-event contestant injured in one event may be, at the discretion of the judges, held back in following event(s) if he is unable to compete during that performance. In that instance, that contestant must compete on the stock for those events in which he was held back prior to the next go-round.

V. CONTESTING POSITIONS

A. **Tie-down roping and steer wrestling** (Based on standings coming into Finals):

1 st go-round:	Reverse of season standings
2 nd go-round:	Start with man in 13 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 14 th
3 rd go-round:	Start with man in 11 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 12 th
4 th go-round:	Start with man in 9 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 10 th
5 th go-round:	Start with man in 7 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 8 th
6 th go-round:	Start with man in 5 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 6 th
7 th go-round:	Start with man in 3 rd position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 4 th
8 th go-round:	Start with man in 1 st position; pick up 15 th through 2 nd
9 th go-round:	Start with man in 14 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th
10 th go-round:	Reverse of PRCA World Standings following 9 th go-round (World Standings coming into the NFR + NFR earnings)

B. **Team Roping:**

1. 1st go-round: Put all 30 team ropers in order according to total money won as of rodeo year-end. The team roper in the 1st position and his partner will compete last in the first go-round; the team roper in the 2nd place position (or 3rd if the 1st place man and his partner were tied for money won) and his partner will compete in the 14th position in the 1st go-round. Repeat this process until all 15 teams are placed in a competition position.
2. Using the positions established by the process outlined for the first go-round:

- 2nd go-round: Start with team in 13th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 14th
- 3rd go-round: Start with team in 11th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 12th
- 4th go-round: Start with team in 9th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 10th
- 5th go-round: Start with team in 7th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 8th
- 6th go-round: Start with team in 5th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 6th
- 7th go-round: Start with team in 3rd position through 1st; pick up 15th through 4th
- 8th go-round: Start with team in 1st position; pick up 15th through 2nd
- 9th go-round: Start with team in 14th position through 1st; pick up 15th

10th go-round: Put all 30 team ropers in order (1-30) according to total money won (World Standings coming into the NFR + NFR earnings) at the end of the 9th go-round. The team roper in the 1st position and his partner will compete last in the 10th go-round; the team roper in the 2nd place position (or 3rd if the 1st place man and his partner were tied for total money won) and his partner will compete in the 14th competition position in the 10th go-round. Repeat this process until all 15 teams are placed in a competition position.

C. Riding Events:

1. 1st go-round: Reverse of season standings.
2. 2nd through 9th go-rounds: Reverse of PRCA World Standings following each go-round, dropping down one position each go-round, but always leaving 5th through 1st places last. Details are as follows, understanding that "place" refers to PRCA World Standings placing:
 - 2nd go-round: 14th place through 6th place, 15th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - 3rd go-round: 13th place through 6th place, 15th place through 14th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - 4th go-round: 12th place through 6th place, 15th place through 13th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - 5th go-round: 11th place through 6th place, 15th place through 12th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - 6th go-round: 10th place through 6th place, 15th place through 11th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - 7th go-round: 9th place through 6th place, 15th place through 10th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - 8th go-round: 8th place through 6th place, 15th place through 9th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - 9th go-round: 7th place through 6th place, 15th place through 8th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - 10th go-round: Reverse of PRCA World Standings to date.

D. Barrel Racing: (Based on standings coming into Finals)

- 1st go-round: Run in order of season standings – 1st through 15th
- 2nd go-round: Start with woman in 3rd position through 15th; pick up 1st through 2nd
- 3rd go-round: Start with woman in 5th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 4th
- 4th go-round: Start with woman in 7th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 6th
- 5th go-round: Start with woman in 9th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 8th
- 6th go-round: Start with woman in 11th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 10th
- 7th go-round: Start with woman in 13th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 12th
- 8th go-round: Start with woman in 15th position; pick up 1st through 14th
- 9th go-round: Start with woman in 2nd position through 15th; pick up 1st
- 10th go-round: Start with woman in 4th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 3rd

- E. Changes must be authorized by the official designated by the NFRC to split horses in the timed events and by the riding event chute boss where it is impossible to load bucking stock in that order.

VI. PAYOFF

- A. For the full go-rounds and the average, should there be fewer qualified rides or times than the number of places to be paid, the payoff, eligibility for Championship Points, etc. shall be handled according to Rule R5.5.3 of the PRCA Rulebook for the go-rounds and according to rules R5.6.4 and R5.6.5 of the PRCA Rulebook for the average.

- B. **Total prize money: \$11,501,504**
Guaranteed prize money: \$1,200,000
Competition prize money: \$10,301.504

1 st	\$30,706.41	(per man in TR)
2 nd	\$24,267.97	(per man in TR)
3 rd	\$18,324.79	(per man in TR)
4 th	\$12,876.88	(per man in TR)
5 th	\$7,924.23	(per man in TR)
6 th	\$4,952.65	(per man in TR)
	1.	Payoff for each of the ten full go-rounds: \$99,052.92 each

1 st	\$78,747.07	(per man in TR)
2 nd	\$63,889.14	(per man in TR)
3 rd	\$50,516.99	(per man in TR)
4 th	\$37,144.85	(per man in TR)
5 th	\$26,744.29	(per man in TR)
6 th	\$19,315.32	(per man in TR)
7 th	\$13,372.14	(per man in TR)
8 th	\$7,428.97	(per man in TR)
	2.	Payoff for the average: \$297,158.77

- C. All payments will be handled through RodeoPay.

VII. RIDING EVENTS

A. GENERAL

- 1. If a contestant is not ready when called, either the chute boss (in agreement with the judges) or the judge(s), may fine a contestant \$250 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense, and/or may be disqualified by the judges. If an individual is taking advantage of the contestants in that event and/or the livestock and/or the rodeo production and/or not cooperating with the chute boss's and judges' instructions resulting in an attempt to cheat or influence the results of the event, to include but not limited to causing an animal to act up or be unruly in the chute in order to receive a ride, that individual will be disqualified by the judges from that round and for subsequent offenses will be disqualified by the judges from that event for the remainder of the rodeo.

For contestants, the definition of "ready when called" shall be:

Bareback Riding: The contestant must be over the horse with his hand in the rigging when the previous horse leaves the arena. If the contestant is first to compete, this would be when the flag horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.

Saddle Bronc Riding: The contestant must have the horse cinched (front & rear) with the rein measured, and be in the chute, mounting the horse when the previous horse leaves the arena. If the contestant is first to compete, this would be when the flag horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.

Bull Riding: The contestant must be pulling the rope when the previous bull leaves the arena. If the

contestant is first to compete, this would be when the flag horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.

2. Each NFR participant is prohibited from riding his or her horse anywhere on the designated landscaped and lawn areas of Thomas & Mack Center and the surrounding University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Trespassers will be fined \$250 per offense by the NFR.
3. **Scoring:** Four judges will be used. The four sub-totals submitted by the four judges will be added together and then divided by 2. Fractions of a point resulting from this division shall be retained. (For example, if the four subtotals are 41,40,40,40, the sum of those subtotals is 161. 161 divided by two is 80.5. A score of 80.5 will be recorded for that contestant.)
4. Beginning in the 2007 ProRodeo season, Xtreme Bulls Division I and Division II event earnings will count for the World Standings but not All-Around World Standings provided the contestant has qualified to count the earnings according to the PRCA Rulebook.

B. DRAWING STOCK

1. In riding events, pens for all go-rounds may be set. Once competed on and/or in the designated rerides, no horse in the bareback riding or saddle bronc riding may be competed on again until at least 60 hours have elapsed from the performance time on which the animal was competed on or designated as a reride, unless the event representative has written approval from the stock contractor of record and submitted to the rodeo secretary prior to the draw. Once competed on, no bull in the bull riding may be competed on and/or in the designated rerides again until at least 48 hours have elapsed from the performance time on which the animal was competed on or designated as a reride, unless the event representative has written approval from the stock contractor of record and submitted to the rodeo secretary prior to the draw. It shall be the responsibility of the respective event representative to acquire approval from the stock contractor to use livestock prior to the designated time allowance. For purposes of this rule, if an animal is held over to a subsequent performance in accordance with these ground rules, that animal will be considered to have been competed on during the original performance for which it was drawn.
2. Riding event pens are to be set by the riding event representatives and approved by the NFR stock selection committee at the time of meeting. Any changes to the pens have to be approved by the general manager of production. If a bucking stock animal's score is in the top four of the first round the animal is bucked, that animal cannot be designated as a reride in a subsequent round without written permission of the general manager of production. In the case of a tie in scores resulting in more than four animals, the tie will be broken by the general manager of production.
3. All riding event livestock selected for the NFR must be bucked at least once at that NFR, with the exception of those animals which may be injured or sick, provided livestock selection procedure remains the same as is currently being used. After the 7th go-round, the event representatives must supply a list of horses and bulls that will be used in go-rounds 8, 9, and 10 to the general manager of production and the livestock superintendent.
4. Event representatives must have at least a minimum of 5 head of the 15 head to be bucked of one delivery or the other, left or right, per each performance. (Excluding rerides). If an animal was selected with an "either" designation as a delivery, the delivery (right or left) must be determined by the chute boss prior to the draw in the performance the animal is to be competed upon.
5. Riding event stock for the first two go-rounds will be drawn at 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2023.
6. The remaining go-rounds will be drawn daily.
7. Draw Order:
 - a. First go-round: Reverse of season standings.
 - b. Second through ninth go-round:
2nd go-round: Start with man in 13th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 14th

- 3rd go-round: Start with man in 11th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 12th
- 4th go-round: Start with man in 9th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 10th
- 5th go-round: Start with man in 7th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 8th
- 6th go-round: Start with man in 5th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 6th
- 7th go-round: Start with man in 3rd position through 1st; pick up 15th through 4th
- 8th go-round: Start with man in 1st position; pick up 15th through 2nd
- 9th go-round: Start with man in 14th position through 1st; pick up 15th
- 10th go-round: Reverse of PRCA World Standings to date.

C. RERIDES

1. A contestant shall be given a reride if the animal gets out of the chute into the arena.
2. If a contestant has made two honest attempts in the opinion of the back judge, the judges shall designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
3. If a drawn animal is turned out, that animal will become a part of the reride pen for that performance and, if necessary to use, will be the first reride in the reride order.
4. The order of reride animals in a riding event will be set by the event representative for that event (or his designated appointee) prior to each performance. If the event representative is also a contestant in that event at that NFR, the order of the rerides will be set by the designated appointee. If rerides are given, animals will be used as determined by the order set. Contestants shall notify the chute boss immediately of his decision. Judges shall mark and the announcer shall announce markings of that contestant which allows him the option of a reride.
5. Rerides will be given during the same performance for which the reride is granted except in the case of injuries to the contestant as ruled on by the judges. It will be the chute boss's decision when the reride will be taken. Reride must be taken before the start of the next go-round.
6. **Injured Contestant Offered a Reride in the Final Performance:** If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of the official NFR medical staff, the doctor will determine if the contestant is capable of competing. If the contestant is ruled capable of competing, he must inform the judges of his decision to accept a reride. That reride must be taken before the end of the performance. If the injury occurs to the final contestant in the event, and the doctor rules he is capable of competing, the contestant must inform the judges of his decision regarding the acceptance of a reride, and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss's decision when the reride will be taken.
7. If all designated rerides in a go-round are used in competition in that go-round, any additional rerides needed shall be drawn from the sleepers remaining in the original pen which had not been drawn either for a contestant or as one of the three rerides. Rerides needed beyond those in the original pen will be selected at the discretion of the judges and the event representative, unless the event representative is also a contestant at that NFR, in which case the selection will be made by the judges and the event representative's designated appointee who is not competing in that event of that NFR. Under these conditions, when the animal will be ridden will be at the discretion of the chute boss.
8. Unless the flank comes off or there is some other equipment failure, any animal on which a reride had to be given for an inferior performance will be taken out of the draw for the rest of the rodeo.
9. With the exception of the last performance, should an animal drawn for a contestant not be available at the time of the performance, the contestant has the option of accepting a reride during that performance or electing to compete at such time as the originally drawn animal can be made available, provided that if the contestant opts to compete on the originally drawn animal, that animal must be competed on prior to that contestant's next go-round competition. If an animal drawn for a contestant in the last

performance is not available, the contestant must accept the reride.

D. PICKUP MEN

1. Positions will be designated which the pickup men must use as starting points.
2. Pickup men shall not give assistance until the eight-second expiration time has elapsed or the contestant has been disqualified, whichever comes first.
3. In the instance that a pickup man needs to be replaced, the substitute pickup man will be a designated NFR arena usher.

E. BULLFIGHTERS AND BARRELMAN

1. Bullfighters must stay away from the bulls until the rider is bucked off or the whistle blows. Bullfighters may not make any attempt to turn back a bull or take a bull out of a spin. If in the opinion of the judges any bullfighter makes any attempt to turn back a bull or take him out of a spin, he will be fined \$250 progressively doubling.
2. The barrelman must stay in the barrel and will not interfere with the judges in any way. The chute boss will designate the position of the barrel. If in the opinion of the judges the barrelman interferes with the competition, he will be fined \$250 progressively doubling.
3. The bullfighters and barrelman will not be in the arena any time except during the bull riding unless requested by the general manager of production.
4. The procedure for fighting the bulls with three bullfighters will be done on a rotation basis with two of the bullfighters protecting the cowboys during each ride, while the added protection bullfighter stays in a ready position along the wall so as to not interfere with the bulls or other two bullfighters effecting the competition in anyway. The added protection bullfighter will assist as needed in increasing the protection for the contestants or other bullfighters. The added protection bullfighter position will rotate every two bulls.

VIII. TIMED EVENTS

A. GENERAL

1. Each tie-down roper, team roper and barrel racer will be allowed **one non-transferrable stall**, which must be confirmed at time of entry through PROCOM, at the official saddle horse area at the Thomas & Mack Center, provided the horse is used in the rodeo and housed onsite. Each steer wrestler will be allowed **two non-transferrable stalls**, which must be confirmed at time of entry through PROCOM, at the official saddle horse area at the Thomas & Mack Center providing each horse is used in the rodeo and housed onsite. Stalls not being confirmed at entry will be forfeited by the contestant for their use. Any horse found not being used for competition at the Thomas & Mack Center or not belonging to the contestant assigned to the stall, will result in a \$250 fine assessed to the person assigned the stall. This fine will progressively double for every 24-hour period the animal remains in the stall. **Paul Jewell**, the contestant stall manager, will be the only one authorized to issue extra stalls. Extra stalls will be issued on availability and no contestant will be issued more than one extra stall until all initial requests are filled. Contestants requesting an extra stall will need to submit their request to **Paul Jewell via phone: (215)-205-4265 or email: pj0335@gmail.com** by November 1. Anyone not checking into their assigned stall or stalls by 2 p.m. (PT), Tuesday, Dec. 5th or notifying Paul Jewell to release their stall or stalls by the deadline specified above shall subject the person to a \$250 fine. **Contestant horses will only be received based on the following schedule - Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (PT), Monday, Dec. 4, 2023 from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NFR saddle horse unit.** Contestant horses must be vacated no later than 12 p.m. noon, Sunday, December 17, 2023. Anyone housing horse(s) at the saddle horse area that do not remove their horses on time will be fined \$500 per head for the first day and progressively doubling each day thereafter until the horse(s) has been picked up by the owner. Any horse(s) remaining past midnight (PT) on Monday following the rodeo, will be removed from the Thomas & Mack and any cost or liabilities incurred would be the responsibility of the owner. In addition, all contestant horses must have current health certificates and negative Coggins Test within 12 months of entry as required by the State of Nevada and proof of ownership (registration papers, brand inspection,

bill of sale). All above documents must be presented to the contestant stall manager at time of check-in.

At the WRANGLER National Finals Rodeo, all equine participants must be Fully Vaccinated for Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months and no later than 14 days prior to entering the facility (November 16, 2023). Canadian Horses must be 14 days prior border crossing, for further information on border please see link below: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/downloads/import_horses_canada.pdf

Initial vaccination and booster are required to be considered fully vaccinated. Horses not in compliance with this rule will not be allowed on competition grounds upon request by the General Manager of the WRANGLER National Finals Rodeo. Frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian. All horses entering the UNLV Thomas and Mack Center Stabling area must provide 12-month negative Coggins, 30-day health certificate and vaccination documentation must be submitted to Scott Dorenkamp by November 23rd, 2023.

All Contestants must bring all horses that are competing or potentially competing in the NFR to the Thomas and Mack Center prior to 5:00 PM Tuesday, December 5, 2023 to be inspected and logged to ensure all records of vaccinations and health papers are in order. After this any horse needing to be replaced, contestant must notify NFR Production Office no later than 8:00 AM prior to the performance and provide a 12-month negative Coggins, 30-day health certificate and vaccination documentation to NFR Production office for substitute animal upon making the request. Any violation of this rule will result in a \$5000 fine and the contestant may be disqualified for the remainder of the competition.

2. Contestants must vacate horses and/or equipment from the warm-up tent no later than 30 minutes after the awards presentation following the final performance. Failure to do so will result in a \$250 fine.
3. The stock draw will be in the order of position for the go-round. (Refer to Section IV). If more than one contestant is riding the same horse, R10.3.14, R10.3.14.1 and R10.3.14.2 will go into effect. These splits must be made a minimum of 6 hours prior to the performance except for in the case of an emergency. This must be done through J.P. Wickett or his duly appointed representative.
4. The extra animals which are run after the performance cannot be run by contestants in that event and each run will be a competition run exactly like any other run in the performance. Violation of this ground rule will constitute an initial \$500 fine and will be progressively doubled for each violation thereafter. **Only horses used to run the extras will be allowed in the arena after the performance.**
5. Once a horse is used to run the extra animals for the timed events, that horse cannot be used for NFR competition thereafter. Violation of this ground rule will constitute a \$2,500 fine and will be progressively doubled for each violation thereafter.
6. Timed event representatives will designate the person or persons to run extra cattle.
7. If in the opinion of the chute boss and/or the judges, if a contestant is not "ready when called" the contestant will be subject to a penalty. By definition, "ready when called" shall mean that the contestant must be riding into the box when the previous animal leaves the arena. If a contestant is the first contestant in team roping and tie-down roping, they shall be riding into the box, and in steer wrestling, riding into the arena when the flag (sponsor) horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges.

Contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the "all clear" from the designated judge. If the contestant exceeds the time limit, except in case of mechanical failure or a problem with the competition animal in the timed event chute in the opinion of the judges, he will receive a penalty of \$250. For every 20 seconds over the 45-second limit, the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant exceeds two minutes in the box it will result in disqualification from the round.

8. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100. All timed event contestants and their horses must enter the arena according to the direction in the ground rules.
9. Rattling the gates in the timed events chutes (to get the horse to score), will constitute a \$250 fine to be progressively doubled thereafter to the person doing the rattling and/or the contestant involved. The chute boss will determine who is to be fined.
10. Timed event contestants will enter arena through the timed event tunnel. Tie-down ropers and team ropers will enter through the back of the box(es) with the barrier already up. Heelers cannot go past the plane of the barrier until the header calls for the steer. Steer wrestlers will enter through the southeast entrance gate to the arena and go directly to the box.
11. Steer wrestlers and team ropers will exit the arena through the riding event tunnel immediately after competing, unless the horse or team is to be used by a later contestant. In that case, the steer wrestling contestant (and/or hazer) must exit through the timed event exit gate which is on the header's side of the timed event chutes, where the next steer wrestling contestant to use the horse will mount the horse in preparation for competition. Team ropers on a horse which will be used by a later contestant will exit through the timed event exit gate, where the next team roping contestant to use the horse will prepare for competition in the tunnel. Tie-down ropers will exit the arena through the timed event exit gate and return to the exercise arena.
12. If requested by the contestant, no more than one man in the box.
13. Only one horse in the box.
14. A contestant must have his hat on his head while in the box, with no assistance in keeping on or taking off said hat by another person.
15. The judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
16. If a timed event animal escapes or is replaced for any reason or a rerun is given for any other reason, the first available extra will be used and remain in that pen. The escaped animal would then become the first extra for that pen.
17. For any instance in which a contestant is granted a rerun by the judges, the contestant must take the first available extra in the draw and must be competed on during that performance.
18. **Injured Contestant Offered a Rerun in the Final Performance:** If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of the official NFR medical staff, the doctor will determine if the contestant is capable of competing. If the contestant is ruled capable of competing, he must inform the judges of his decision to accept the extra. That extra must be taken before the end of the performance. If the injury occurs to the final contestant in the event, and the doctor rules he is capable of competing, the contestant must inform the judges of his decision regarding the acceptance of the extra and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss's decision when the rerun will be taken. In the event the attending physician rules the contestant is physically unable to compete, the attending physician's decision is final.
19. In all timed events, no animal can be competed on prior to the contestant's horse breaking the plane of the barrier. If the contestant competes on the animal before breaking the plane, the contestant will be disqualified.
20. If a timed event animal escapes the confines of the arena when the contestant is still eligible to compete, the flag will be dropped and the contestant must take the first available extra in the draw, lap and tap, adding this new time to the elapsed time from the original draw to find the official time for the competition.
21. Should any animal refuse to be loaded into the chute, box, or alleyway thus putting the production in jeopardy, the timed event chute boss and/or judge can declare that animal unruly and disqualify it from

that performance and from future performances. If the unruly animal is a calf or a steer, the contestant with that animal drawn will be given the first available extra.

22. Horse handlers and helpers for the tie-down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping can bring the horses as far forward as the tie-down animal holding pens, but will not be allowed past this area or in the box. All horse handlers and helpers must sign a waiver upon arrival at the UNLV Thomas & Mack Center. Only contestants and NFR personnel are allowed in the box or past the holding pens. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine to the contestant of \$100 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense. This rule is to be enforced by the timed event chute boss and the assistant to the timed event chute boss.
23. Anyone tying his horse to the cattle holding pens, the arena fence in the Thomas & Mack Center, or the panels outside the arena, including during the preparation and running of cattle, will be fined \$250 per offense.
24. No personnel (family, friends, grooms, feeders, etc.) will be allowed to stay overnight in the trailers, motor homes, campers, or vehicles of any kind in the secured saddle horse and livestock area. If anyone is caught doing this, a fine of \$250 will be assessed to the contestant and will progressively double thereafter.
25. Any contestant riding in the arena or bringing horses in the building prior to the posted scheduled riding times will be fined \$250, progressively doubling.
26. Each NFR participant is prohibited from riding his or her horse anywhere on the designated landscaped and lawn areas of Thomas & Mack Center and the surrounding University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Trespassers will be fined \$250 per offense by the NFR.
27. Any contestant wanting a licensed veterinarian to have access to the saddle horse unit, must request a veterinarian credential form from Scott Dorenkamp at the PRCA office and must be submitted no later than Nov. 18. Contestant veterinarians will only be allowed in the stabling area medication tent and must abide by the medication tent hours and rules.
28. All injectable medication must be administered in the medication tent by the contestant or licensed NFR credentialed veterinarian. Anyone not complying with this procedure will be fined \$1,000 for the first offense, that amount progressively doubles with every offense thereafter. See Exhibit D.
29. All dogs in the livestock/saddle horse area must be on a leash and well behaved or the owner will be subject to a \$100 fine and have the animal removed from the premises for the duration of the event. Any unruly animals will be subject to being turned in to the Clark County Animal Control and/or UNLV Police Department under Clark County Ordinance 10.04.100 - Animal at Large.
30. There will be a designated pusher in all timed events, which will be approved by the general manager.

B. TIE-DOWN ROPING

1. Extra tie-down roping animals shall be roped from a horse and tied down after each performance. The timed event chute boss will be responsible to have, at all times, at least five extra tie-down roping animals that were roped and tied no later than the previous run on that pen.
2. Missed tie-down roping animals will be roped and tied with the extras. Tie-down roping animals that get up will be thrown by hand and tied with the extras after the performance. The tie-down roping event representative must report the names of the designated men responsible for doing this to the NFR production manager no later than Sept. 8, 2023. Those persons roping the extra tie-down roping animals will be subject to all rules and regulations of the PRCA, as well as any NFR ground rules. This includes tie-down roping rule R10.6.5, which is in effect for the 2023 NFR.
3. Contestants wishing to use two loops in tie-down roping must carry two ropes, made up and tied on, and

must throw the rope tied on for a second loop. If a contestant chooses to use a second loop, the first rope must be released from either the saddle or the tie-down roping animal.

4. The time limit is 25 seconds for each tie-down roping run at the NFR.
5. There will be three pens of 25 usable tie-down roping animals (after the official preparation). The tie-down roping event representative or his designated appointee and the event's judges will designate the extra tie-down roping animals for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If the tie-down roping event representative is competing in the tie-down roping event at that NFR, he must designate an appointee not competing in the tie-down roping at that NFR to select (with the judges) the extra tie-down roping animals for each pen. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the chute boss and line judge according to the order set and the contestant office manager or the rodeo secretary will be notified of the change.
6. If a tie-down roping animal gets out of the chute before the roper has called for the tie-down roping animal so that official time is not recorded, the roper will take the tie-down roping animal set as the first available extra, and will rope him in that performance, during the tie-down roping.
7. The fine for the unintentional dragging of a tie-down roping animal shall be \$100 for each violation. Intentional dragging of a tie-down roping animal shall result in a \$250 fine for each violation, and the contestant may be disqualified from that go-round.
8. **No Jerk Down: A contestant that brings the animal over backwards between 10 and 2 with the animal landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air will be considered a Jerk Down. Contestant will receive a \$2500 fine for the first offense, second and subsequent offenses will result in an elimination from that round and receive NO-time.**
9. All PRCA rules and 2023 NFR ground rules will be in effect for any preparation and/or tying of the tie-down roping calves for the 2023 NFR.
10. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the calves at the Thomas & Mack
Monday procedure
 1. All calves will be run through chute with no ropes attached by the timed event chute boss and crew prior to contestants arriving.
 2. Each calf is run through chute with the neck rope. At this time, each contestant will be able to breakaway **only** two head behind barrier.
 3. The remainder will be run with neck rope and breakaway them with no barrier.
 4. Each calf will then have a rope put on and let out of the chute a certain distance determined by a pro official. Each calf will be held horseback or tied to post and will be flanked twice and tied twice.
 5. Following the above procedure, any changes to the pens will be done at this time. Also at this time, pens are set and the order of competition for pens are set. In the event of a different pen, this pen will be designated as pen 3 with approval by the NFR General Manager - Production. Prior to round 4, event representative or designated representative may change round 10 pen, (providing the pen is not used in round 9) only pens 1 and 2 may be swapped at the consent of the NFR General Manager – Production.
 6. Calves are then returned to their pen.

Prior to the first three performances, at a time established by NFR personnel, calves will be prepared by the following procedure:

1. Each calf will have a rope put on in the chute and let out and held horseback or tied to post. Each calf will be flanked twice and tied twice.

C. STEER WRESTLING

1. An initial \$250 fine will be assessed to any contestant for unnecessary roughness to steers based on the opinion of the judges. The fine will be progressively doubled thereafter. This will specifically include unnecessary twisting of the steer wrestling steer's neck after the fall has been completed.

2. Extra steers will be bulldogged from a horse and thrown down after each performance. The timed event chute boss will be responsible to always ensure that there are at least three extra steers available that have been so bulldogged no later than the previous run on that pen.
3. No later than September 8, 2023, the steer wrestling event representative must report to the NFR production manager the names of the designated men responsible for doing this. Those persons running the extra steers will be subject to all rules and regulations of the PRCA, as well as any NFR ground rules.
4. The time limit for each steer wrestling run at the NFR is 30 seconds, with only one jump allowed within the time limit.
5. There will be three pens of 20 usable steers (after the preparation). The steer wrestling event representative or his designated appointee and the judges for that event will designate the extra steers for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If the steer wrestling event representative is competing in the steer wrestling at that NFR, he must designate an appointee not competing in the steer wrestling at that NFR to select (with the judges) the extra steers for each pen. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the chute boss and line judge according to the order set, and the contestant office manager and/or the rodeo secretary will be notified of the change.
6. If a steer gets out before the steer wrestler has called for him so the official time is not recorded, the steer wrestler will take the steer set as the first available extra in that pen and will compete on him in that performance, during the steer wrestling.
7. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the steers at the Thomas & Mack
 - a. All steers will be ran through the chute through the arena by the timed event crew prior to contestants arriving at their scheduled time
 - b. Put steers in the right-hand delivery bucking chutes using chute 5 as the primary chute
 - c. Each steer is let out one at a time to be thrown, immediately turned out the riding event end and penned until all pens have been thrown
 - d. Starting with the first pen, the steers will be taken to the timed event end, ran through the chute one at a time with no neck ropes. They will once again be penned at the riding event end. This process will be repeated for pens two and three.
 - e. Once all of the above is completed, the steers are then returned to the livestock area pens
8. Steer wrestling contestants must designate their hazer at time of entry. Failure to do so will result in a non-confirmed entry. All NFR hazers must have an active membership in the 2023 rodeo year. If during the NFR, a steer wrestler wants to change hazers, such change needs to be requested at least three hours prior to the draw through the rodeo secretary. At that time, they will check the new hazer's 2023 rodeo year eligibility. The secretary will then get the approval from the supervising judge and become official at the draw. Any change to a hazer following the draw would require that person to be an existing contestant or hazer and get approval from the line judge or supervising judge.

D. TEAM ROPING

1. There will be three pens of 20 usable steers (after the preparation). The team roping event representative or his designated appointee and the judges for that event will designate the extra steers for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If the team roping event representative is competing in the team roping event at that NFR, he must designate an appointee not competing in the team roping at that NFR to select (with the judges) the extra steers for each pen. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the chute boss and line judge according to the order set, and the contestant office manager and/or the rodeo secretary will be notified of the change.
2. If a steer gets out before the team has called for him so that official time is not recorded, the team will take the steer set as the first available extra in that pen, and will rope him in that performance, during the team roping.
3. Extra steers will be roped after the performance. No later than September 8, 2023, the team roping event representative must report to the NFR production manager the names of the designated men responsible for doing this. Those persons roping the extra team roping steers will be subject to all rules and regulations of the PRCA, as well as any NFR ground rules.

4. **Crossfire:** The heel rope cannot come in contact with the steers legs until BOTH: A) The header has control of the steer's head. B) And the steer's hips have changed direction, with the steer having forward motion. A steer that stops, slows down, or drifts towards the header, must still fulfill rule A and B. Both the field flagger and a crossfire official must agree that a run is a crossfire before the team receives a 30 second penalty. **A 30-second penalty will be assessed** for a crossfire.
5. The time limit for each team roping run at the NFR is 30 seconds, with a two loop maximum per team.
6. Headers who drop their rope after completing competition will be fined \$100 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each additional offense.
7. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the steers at the Thomas & Mack:
 - a. All the steers will be ran through the chute through the arena by the timed event crew prior to contestants arriving at their scheduled time
 - b. Steers will be ran through the chute and the header will be allowed to rope and follow the steer to the catch pen
 - c. Once all the steers have been roped by the header, they are returned to the chute where the header and heeler both rope. Each steer will be run through the chute with a neck rope. Each contestant will be able to run **one** steer from behind the barrier.
 - d. Steers are then returned to the pens.

E. BARREL RACING

1. There shall be two electric eyes.
2. Barrel racing contestants are allowed one assistant in the alley prior to their run. The assistant must be on foot and can't go beyond a designated line during the barrel racing event. The assistant must be in compliance with the WPRA's dress code. The contestant will be fined \$250 for first offense with the fine progressively doubling thereafter.
3. If a contestant is not ready when called, the timed event chute boss and/or judge may fine the contestant \$250 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense and/or may be disqualified by the judges. By definition, "ready when called" shall mean that the contestant must be ready to run into the arena as soon as called by the chute boss and/or judge.
4. Any barrel racing contestants setting up and working barrels in the arena other than during the designated time will be fined \$250 for the first offense, with the fine progressively doubling thereafter.
5. Barrel racing contestants will start from the same alley (the rough stock alley) and the same gate.
6. During scheduled practices in the arena and/or alleyway, only one of the contestant's horses can be worked at a time and can only be ridden by the contestant. The order on the first practice will be 1-15 and if a contestant has more than one horse, they will go to the back of the line each time with the next horse. There will be no saving spots in line. The contestant will be fined \$250 for first offense, with the fine progressively doubling thereafter.
7. Each barrel will be hand-raked after each run. No equipment will enter the arena during the competition.
8. Horses shall be worked around the official pattern during all scheduled barrel racing practices.

IX. STOCK CONTRACTORS AND LIVESTOCK

- A. The NFRC stock contractor representative (JD Hamaker) will act as the liaison between NFR judges and stock contractors.
- B. No bareback or saddle bronc horses with a history of having to be pulled out of the chute will be eligible for the NFR.
- C. No horse or bull on which a bareback rigging, saddle, or bull rope normally cannot be placed prior to being

loaded in the chute will be eligible for the NFR.

- D. **Deliveries for each animal must be listed at the time of nomination or that animal will not be accepted.** At the time of nomination, if an animal's delivery is designated as "either," a designation preference will be required from the Stock Contractor of "either-L" for left or "either-R" for right. If marked "either", prior to the draw taking place (in the round the animal will be used), the chute boss will determine the delivery of the animal.
- E. **Deliveries listed at time of nomination will have until September 8, 2023, at 5 p.m. (MT) to be confirmed through the PRCA office. After this date, no changes will be accepted.**
- F. Riding event livestock must be delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2023, or between 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, December 2, or from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday, December 3. All livestock must have legible, permanent ownership and number brands as registered with the PRCA. Per PRCA Rulebook rule R7.1 and R7.2.1: If ownership or number brand is not legible, it is the responsibility of the stock contractor to have the area around the brand clipped prior to arriving at the NFR. If the Nevada State Brand Inspector is unable to read an animal's legible, permanent ownership brand as registered with the PRCA, the stock contractor of record will be fined \$5,000 per animal not meeting the requirement and will be suspended from the National Finals Rodeos for the next two years. If the PRCA Pro Officials are unable to read an animal's legible, permanent number brand as registered with the PRCA the stock contractor will be fined \$500 per animal not meeting the requirement. **A space has been provided on the 2023 NFR Livestock Feed Sheet for illustration of the ownership brand.** All bulls must be tipped according to the 2023 PRCA rulebook; the stock contractor will be fined \$500 for each bull not meeting the requirement. All inspections will be part of the tagging process.
- G. All cattle must be number branded and/or double ear-tagged before they arrive, and all steers must have horns tipped according to the PRCA Rulebook before they arrive. The contractor will be fined \$100 per head not tagged or branded, or tipped correctly.
- H. All fresh brands on timed event cattle can be no larger than 4" wide and 4" tall, per figure. Violation will constitute a \$250 fine.
- I. Riding event livestock must be inspected by the livestock superintendent at the time of arrival and must be accompanied by certified veterinary health papers and certificates as required by Nevada law. Those certified veterinary health papers, vaccination records, and certificates must be emailed, faxed, or submitted through some other form of electronic transmission to Scott Dorenkamp at the PRCA Headquarters by 5 p.m. (MT) Thursday, November 23, 2023, prior to the animals arriving at the Thomas & Mack Center. Failure to do so will result in a \$250 fine per animal. All required health papers must have the PRCA stock contracting company of record listed as owner. **No livestock will be accepted until such time as the required health papers, vaccine records, and certificates are made available to the livestock superintendent. If this causes the livestock acceptance to be beyond the delivery deadlines, fines will be issued as stated in IX.J of the NFR ground rules.** No unfit or lame animals will be accepted or paid for. This includes any animal with wounds which are cosmetically questionable. Determination of such will be at the sole discretion of the NFR official veterinarian and the NFR livestock superintendent.

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documentation will be provided in the stock contractor packet. 12-month negative Coggins, 30-day health certificate and vaccination documentation must be submitted to Scott Dorenkamp by November 23rd, 2023.

- J. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more riding event animals after the time designated by the NFRC shall be fined each one-half of the amount paid by the NFRC for each head of riding event livestock. A stock contractor not delivering the selected animal would be fined one-half of the amounts paid by the NFRC for that said animal and would not be paid for said animal. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more unit(s)/pen(s) of cattle after the time designated in the NFR cattle contract shall be fined one-half of the amount for said unit/pen. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more saddle horse(s) after the time designated by the NFRC shall be fined each one-half of the amount paid by the NFRC for each head of saddle horses. No animals arriving after 12 hours following the designated time by the NFRC will be accepted or paid for.
- K. A stock contractor who brings a riding event animal to the NFR which has not been requested by the NFRC will not be accepted and will not be allowed to stay in NFR livestock facility. The animal will be immediately reloaded into the trailer with the housing and care of the animal(s) being the sole responsibility of the stock contractor or firm that transported the animal to the NFR.
- L. Any bucking horse or bull selected for the NFR that is injured prior to or during loading to be transported to the NFR, that would need to be replaced, the stock contractor would be required to immediately notify the NFR general manager (Allen Rheinheimer 317-847-5986) and/or the NFR livestock superintendent (John Barnes 712-229-1226). The event representatives will provide the list of pens and alternates for each set of pens. Once notified of the injured animal, the NFR production management will contact the owner of the replacement animal based on the list. If the stock contractor has already left, production management will follow the list until one is found. If unable, then the production manager and livestock superintendent would make the best effort to reach the event representative for input on the final selection. If unable, then the production manager and livestock superintendent would make a selection. Stock contractors not notifying as stated will be fined the amount equal to payment on one head of livestock.
- M. Upon arrival, stock contractors will receive a departure time and load position. Anyone not in position at their designated time will be moved to the end of the line.
- N. All livestock must be vacated no later than 12 p.m. noon the day following the last performance of the NFR. Failure to do so will result in the offender being fined \$500 per head for the first day and progressively doubling each day thereafter until livestock has been picked up by the owner and/or stock contracting firm. Any livestock remaining past midnight (PT) on Monday following the rodeo will be removed from the Thomas & Mack and any cost or liabilities incurred would be the responsibility of the owner and/or stock contracting firm.
- O. Upon the date that all livestock are required to be removed from the NFR, any sick or injured animal will be the responsibility of the stock contractor owning the animal.
- P. ***Any animal that becomes injured or sick during the NFR will be examined by a veterinarian designated by the NFRC. Upon the discovery of an injury or illness, the veterinarian would be contacted within the hour and a determination would be made if it was an emergency or a scheduled call is needed. Further, the veterinarian designated by the NFRC reserves the right, as part of the examination, to conduct drug testing on any animal injured or taken sick at the NFR. The drug testing (blood and/or urine) will be performed by the NFRC-designated veterinarian only, at the expense of the NFRC.***
The test results will become the property of the NFRC. Upon request, copies of the test results will be provided without charge to the owner of the tested animal, the PRCA and the WPRA.
All NFR participants must sign a release accepting this provision and releasing the NFRC and PRCA from liability prior to competing in the NFR. Failure to do so will disqualify that individual's animal(s) from being used in the NFR.
- Q. Any animal that appears to be unsound or injured when being unloaded at the NFR livestock area will be reexamined by the livestock superintendent and official veterinarian at the time of tagging. At this time, it

would be the decision of the livestock superintendent to accept or reject the animal or animals in question. If accepted or rejected, any stock contractor requesting any anti-inflammatory medication would be required to have that medication administered by the official veterinarian and ordered by the livestock superintendent and paid for by the stock contractor. The amount of medication acceptable would be the amount accepted by the Nevada Gaming Regulation for horse racing. If the animal or animals in question are declared unsound and the unsoundness or injury was prior to being loaded or during transport to the NFR, the animal or animals will not be paid for and the stock contractor will be charged \$200 each day the animal is housed and fed at NFR livestock facility. Any injured animal not accepted and remains in the NFR livestock facility must be penned with the other animals of the stock contractor or firm that either owns and/or transported the unaccepted injured animal. No extra space will be given. If an unaccepted injured animal is held in the NFR livestock facility, the owner of the unaccepted injured animal assumes all liability for the animals' health and welfare and agrees to release and hold harmless the NFR and its staff for any deterioration to the current injury or illness, and any further injury, illness, sickness or death.

- R. The procedure for replacement of late, sick or injured animals, after the final list of animals (105 bareback horse, 105 saddle bronc horses, 100 bulls) is finalized, will be as follows:
1. The event representatives will select five alternate animals for each pen, listing them in sequence 1 through 5 with number 1 as the first preference. If one or more animals have to be replaced, because of sickness or injury, the replacement animals will be chosen in sequence from the corresponding alternate animals, with the same delivery, designated for that pen. If for any reason a stock contractor is unable to bring the alternate animal, the sequence order will be followed and the first available animal, with the same delivery, will become the replacement. The general manager of production will make the final decision which alternate animal is selected.
 2. If all alternate animals have been considered and none are available, the general manager of production will make a selection from all available animals meeting NFR requirements.
 3. If an animal becomes sick or injured while being transported to the NFR, the general manager of production will decide if that animal will be replaced, based on available animals and time to be delivered. Late, sick or injured animals may cause a shortage of selected animals, but not more than 105 bareback horses, 105 saddle bronc horses and 100 bulls will be paid for or used.
 4. If a replacement animal is selected after NFR tag numbers are assigned, the replacement animal will receive the same NFR tag number as the animal being replaced was assigned.
- S. Once a stock contractor's designated livestock pen area size has been established, it will not change. Animals that need to be penned separately will be penned within the designated livestock pen area.
- T. Should an animal refuse to be loaded into the chute, thus putting the production in jeopardy, the livestock superintendent and/or chute boss and/or judge can declare that animal unruly and disqualify it from that performance and from all future performances. In that case, the contestant with that animal drawn will be given a reride.
- U. Any person who is given a flankman's pass to enter the NFR must flank throughout that NFR all stock supplied to the NFR by the stock contractor who gave that person the pass. If the person with the flankman's pass does not flank all that stock contractor's animals, the pass may be picked up by the security director, and the stock contractor of record fined \$500 with that fine progressively doubling for each offense.
- V. **Not Ready When Called:** If a stock contractor or stock contractor's flankman is not ready when called, the chute boss (in agreement with the judges) or the judges may fine the stock contractor \$250 for the first offense, with said fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense.
- For Flankmen,** the definition of "ready when called" means he/she must have the flank adjusted, gloves on if used, and ready when the previous animal (flag/sponsor horse) leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges.
1. The chute boss has the authority to assign a flankman in the absence of the livestock owner or his designated flankman.
- W. Stock contractors are not allowed to use a hot shot on animals at any time. Violators will be fined \$250 for

the first offense, with said fine progressively doubling thereafter.

- X. The length of the flank latigo on horse flanks shall be no longer than nine feet. Flanks MUST be checked no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the performance. Failure to adhere to this shall result in the stock contractor being fined \$100 for the first offense, with said fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.
- Y. In the saddle bronc riding: The buck rein must be fastened on the bottom of the halter noseband unless fastening to the throat latch is preferred by the contestant.
- Z. The final decision regarding if, when, and/or how an animal is tied in belongs solely to the riding event chute boss. No contestant may braid the rein into the horses mane at any time.
- AA. Any stock contractor turned in by the chute boss and/or judges for interfering with the production of the rodeo (i.e. by not allowing a contestant to be ready when called upon or interfering with the chute boss or judges' instructions) will be fined \$250, with said fine progressively doubling thereafter.
- AB. All medication, drugs and other substances will be provided and administered by the official NFR veterinarian, at the veterinarian's discretion no later than 12 hours prior to the performance they are scheduled to be competed on. If an animal requires medication less than 12 hours from being competed on, it would be disqualified from being used from competition in that performance. Once an animal is accepted by the NFR livestock superintendent, no supplements will be fed or distributed to any bucking stock animal for any reason unless prescribed by the official NFR veterinarian and administered by the NFR veterinarian or the NFR livestock superintendent. Any violation of this rule will result in the disqualification of the animal and a fine equal to one-half the amount paid for the animal.
- AC. No outside medication, drugs and other substances are permitted. Anyone violating this rule would have that animal taken out of competition immediately and disqualified for any awards and fined half of the amount paid for the animal.
- AD. All dogs in the livestock/saddle horse area must be on a leash and well behaved or the owner will be subject to a \$100 fine and the animal removed from the premises for the duration of the event. Any unruly animals will be subject to being turned in to the Clark County Animal Control and/or UNLV Police Department under Clark County Ordinance 10.04.100 - Animal at Large.
- AE. Stock contractors may attend the tagging of livestock but must stay in the designated area and not interfere with judges, State Brand Inspectors, the NFR vet or livestock superintendent. Anyone violating this rule, in the opinion of the judges, will be fined \$250 for the first offense, progressively doubling for each offense thereafter.
- AF. When nominating an animal for the NFR, stock contractors must provide three current videos using the process that has been employed since 2018 (Submittable.com). The PRCA will provide instructions on how to upload videos with a deadline of September 7, 2023.
- AG. Each animal nominated for NFR selection will have a \$50 nomination fee invoiced to the submitting stock contractor. Nomination fees are non-refundable. All nomination fees will be allocated toward the NFR stock awards for top bucking horse and bull of the NFR. The allocation of the nomination funds will be administered by the PRCA, however, the NFRC stock contractor representative will determine how the funds are awarded or earned.

X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND FINES

- A. Rule violations (and corresponding fines) will be posted in the rodeo office immediately following each performance. Fines will be posted to contestant's PRCA Accounts Receivable statement and will be due accordingly.
- B. The arena must be clear of all contestants 30 minutes prior to each performance. The fine for being in the arena during that time will be \$100 per offense.

- C. Contestants are not to call secretaries for information regarding their stock draw.
- D. Only stock contractors will be allowed access to the arena via the ladder but not until after all the timed event extras have been run. Violators will be fined \$100 for the first offense, said fine progressively doubling thereafter.
- E. The following conduct by any NFR participant (contestant, stock contractor, contract personnel) shall be regarded as a Class III offense:
 1. **R11.4.3 Influencing a PRCA Official (WPRA Rule 9.3).** Attempting to bribe, influence through physical intimidation, or fix an event through contact with any PRCA official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge at a time when an event is in progress. Violators of this rule shall be reported to the NFR by the NFR judges involved.
 2. **R11.4.4 Harassing a PRCA Official or Spectator (WPRA Rule 9.3).** Engaging in, or attempting to engage in, any action threatening, berating, harassing, intimidating, assaulting or striking a rodeo official, a rodeo spectator, any official representative or employee of the PRCA, any NFR official, or any member.
- F. No one will be allowed to practice or ride in the arena at undesignated times. The fine for this violation will be \$250 for the first offense, doubling progressively thereafter.
- G. ***Anything other than gloves, piggin' strings, or hats thrown into the audience after completing the ride or run will constitute a fine of \$250 per offense.***
- H. Judges will inspect each pen of animals for every event prior to each performance at which time they will determine the health of all animals. If any rough stock animals need to be taken out they will consult with the livestock superintendent prior to making the decision. If any timed event animals need to be taken out it will be the judges' decision.
- I. Unruly or unmanageable animals, including contestants' horses, that endanger NFR personnel, contestants, or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the NFR, may be disqualified by the judges from further use.
- J. All horses and cattle brought by stock contractors or contestants for use at the NFR must meet the Nevada State Health requirements. As a reminder, negative Coggins in the state of Nevada is a 12-month requirement from time of arrival at the NFR. For more information, including requirements for Canadian imports, go to https://agri.nv.gov/Animals/Animal_Disease/Import_Requirements/.

At the WRANGLER National Finals Rodeo, all equine participants must be Fully Vaccinated for Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months and no later than 14 days prior to entering the facility (November 16, 2023). Canadian Horses must be 14 days prior border crossing, for further information on border please see link below:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/downloads/import_horses_canada.pdf

Initial vaccination and booster are required to be considered fully vaccinated. Horses not in compliance with this rule will not be allowed on competition grounds upon request by the General Manager of the WRANGLER National Finals Rodeo.

Frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian. This includes horses chosen during the stock selection and all alternate horses.

Vaccination documentation will be provided in the stock contractor packet. 12-month negative Coggins, 30-day health certificate and vaccination documentation must be submitted to Scott Dorenkamp by November 23rd, 2023.

- K. Only official NFR veterinarians are allowed access to the arena floor. Should the contestant participating on an animal that becomes injured have a personal veterinarian present, that veterinarian may assume the responsibility of the care of the injured animal once the animal has been transported from the arena floor to the top of the tunnel and blood has been drawn on the injured animal by the official veterinarian.

- L. Each NFR contestant, stock contractor and selected contract personnel member who has been assigned a complimentary hotel room must check into that room unless, by his choice, he wishes to relinquish the assigned room. The room may be relinquished by emailing a statement releasing the room to alex@lasvegasevents.com, attention Alex Gonzalez. Such notification must be done no later than 4 p.m. (PT), on Monday, December 4, 2023. Failure to either check into the complimentary room or to release the room by the deadline specified above shall subject that person to a \$250 fine and room cancellation.
- M. **Each NFR contestant shall be required to attend an autograph session as requested by their host hotel (regardless of staying in the complementary room or not).** Designated times and locations are below. The required time to sign autographs will be for **two hours**. The first hour will be for autographs with the second being a Q&A session for the fans. **Failure to show up fifteen minutes prior to the designated start time listed below or participate for the entire two hours will result in a \$2,500 fine.**

Friday, Dec. 8

Barrel Racers	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino (The Grand Foyer)
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Saturday, Dec. 9

Tie-Down Ropers	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	MGM Grand (Main Lobby)
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Monday, Dec. 11

Team Ropers	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Horseshoe Las Vegas (Guy Fieri’s Flavortown Sports Kitchen)
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Tuesday, Dec. 12

Steer Wrestlers	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	The D Casino (Bar Canada)
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Wednesday, Dec. 13 Bull Riders	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Treasure Island (Gilley's Saloon)
Thursday, Dec. 14 Bareback Riders	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	New York New York (Beerhaus)
Friday, Dec. 15 Saddle Bronc Riders	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Resorts World (Wrangler Dawg House)

- N. Any contestant, stock contractor, employee, and/or contract personnel that are in possession of or displaying eagle, hawk, owl or other protected migratory bird feathers, talons or parts under the U.S. Department of Fish & Wildlife will be fined \$250 for the first offense with that fine progressively doubling.
- O. **Friends and families of contestants are not allowed to enter the arena, especially after the last performance, until after photographers and press persons are finished with interviews.**
- P. **Influencing NFR hired personnel:** Attempting to bribe, influence through physical intimidation, or fix an event through contact with any NFR hired personnel at any time, in or out of the arena, shall be subject to either a fine and/or disqualification, dependent on the offense.
- Q. The NFR nursery service at the Thomas & Mack is only available to immediate children of official NFR contestants and stock contractors.

XI. AWARDS

- A. The NFR winner is the event average winner and will be the recipient of the NFR buckle and saddle.
- B. In case of a tie for NFR winner, there will be duplicate awards.
- C. Disruption of any NFR awards presentation would be considered a PRCA/WPRA Class III offense and enforced accordingly.

XII. REPORTING TIME

- A. Every contestant must report to Meeting Room B at the Thomas & Mack starting at 9:30 a.m. and must be checked in no later than 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2023.
- B. Any contestant missing this deadline may receive a cash fine not to exceed \$250 which must be paid before he/she can compete, but if any contestant willfully or purposely misses the deadline, he/she may be disqualified from NFR competition by action of the NFRC.
- C. All contestants must be saddled and ready for the rehearsal at the Thomas & Mack Center on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, no later than 11:45 a.m. **This is a required function, and failure to attend will result in a fine of \$500. Visible injuries or medical releases will not be accepted to be excused from the Grand Entry rehearsal.**
- D. NFR jackets, rings, contestant numbers, and a contestant advance advice will be distributed at the PRCA Convention Welcome Reception on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 6-8:30 p.m. Multi-event contestants will receive one ring, one jacket, and one number. They will also receive a room and the NFR contestant guaranteed prize money for each event they are qualified in.

XIII. REHEARSAL

- A. All contestants must be available at the Thomas & Mack Center, dressed in western attire (collared shirt and cowboy hat) for mug shots during contestant check-in, which will be followed by the Grand Entry rehearsal and group pictures at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2023.
- B. Any contestant not attending, arriving late, leaving prior to dismissal or refusing to cooperate during Grand Entry and/or opening rehearsal will be fined \$500 for each violation. **Visible injuries or medical releases will not be accepted to be excused from the Grand Entry rehearsal.**

XIV. GRAND ENTRY

- A. Contestant will be fined \$100 for missing any performance Grand Entry or performance introduction or for not returning his/her horse to the proper location. Visible injuries or medical releases will not be accepted to be excused from the Grand Entry or performance introductions.

- B. All contestants entered in the rodeo except for the Top 15 bareback riders are required to ride in the Grand Entry for each performance.
- C. A Grand Entry horse will be assigned to the Top 15 saddle bronc riders and Top 15 bull riders. All timed event contestants are required to furnish their own Grand Entry horse. If in the case of multiple contestants riding the same mount, contestants in that situation may request a Grand Entry horse be furnished to them during the event. That request must be made no later than November 6, 2023, through the contestant stall manager, Paul Jewell by phone: (215)205-4265 or email: pjewello335@gmail.com . If the request is granted, the contestant forfeits the right for a horse stall or stalls (steer wrestling) at the event. Every horse being fed and stalled on the grounds will be used in the Grand Entry on request. A contestant with an assigned horse must return this horse to the official saddle horse area at the Thomas & Mack Center immediately after the Grand Entry. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$100 per offense.
- D. Based off back number ranking, the contestant with the best ranking from each U.S. state/country is required to carry that state's/country's flag during the contestant introduction. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$100 for each offense.
- E. Any contestant carrying the state flag during the contestant introduction who waives the flag, thus endangering the other contestants, the flag girls, spectators or other personnel or carrying it in a disrespectful manner will be fined \$250 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense. Any contestant not returning their flag to its designated area/person immediately after the Grand Entry will be fined \$250 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense.
- F. Any contestant performing an act, such as pulling the bridle off the horse, pulling the back cinch to flank the horse, etc., thus endangering the other contestants, the flag girls, spectators, other personnel or animals will be fined \$250 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense.
- G. No items will be allowed to be thrown into the audience during the Grand Entry. Violators will be fined \$250 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense thereafter.
- H. A contestant must ride under the U.S. state or country of the address on file at the PRCA/WPRA unless otherwise requested at time of entry and approved by the production manager. Requests will not be accepted after entry closing.
- I. Any contestant taking an extra, unauthorized lap in the Grand Entry will be fined \$1,000 for the first lap, doubling progressively for each unauthorized lap taken. In the final Grand Entry of the final performance, the state or country approved by the general manager of production as having the largest number of NFR qualified contestants will be allowed to make one additional lap. Only the contestants that have been assigned to the state or country will be permitted to take the one extra lap in the final performance.
- J. All contestants riding in the Grand Entry are required to wear Western attire – i.e., cowboy hats, cowboy boots, long-sleeve shirts, and/or official NFR jackets – unless otherwise approved by the general manager of production. Failure to comply will result in a \$250 fine, doubling progressively with each offense.
- K. Any contestant or contestant's horse making contact with a pivot horse or pivot rider in the Grand Entry will be fined \$500, doubling progressively with each offense.

XV. EVENT INTRODUCTION

- A. A contestant may be fined \$100 for failing to take an introductory ride at the end of his/her event as an event inner at each performance.

XVI. PASSES

- A. Each contestant, stock contracting company, and contract person will be given one ticket for each performance.
- B. Each employee and official will have an identification badge or card. For the contestants, the NFR number will be sign of admission to all areas. Other than contestants, persons must have an "All Access picture identification" card to be allowed on the arena floor.
- C. PRCA membership or permit cards will not be accepted for admission at the NFR.
- D. All non-credentialed personnel accompanying a contestant into the saddle horse unit must be signed in and out each and every time by the contestant and receive a visitor badge when signed in and returned when signed out. The badge must be visible at all times. Anyone abusing or not using this system will be subject to a \$100 fine.

XVII. PARKING

- A. There will be a separate parking area for NFR contestants and personnel. Such parking is available only with an authorized parking pass or parking credentials.
- B. Day haulers need to arrive no later than three hours before each performance to be parked. Anyone not arriving prior to this time will have to wait until after the rodeo to exit the compound. All day haulers must bring all horses that are competing or potentially competing in the NFR to the Thomas and Mack Center prior to 5:00 PM Tuesday, December 5, 2023 to be inspected and logged to ensure all records of vaccinations and health papers are in order. After this any horse needing to be replaced, contestant must notify NFR Production Office no later than 8:00 AM prior to the performance and provide a 12-month negative Coggins, 30-day health certificate and vaccination documentation to NFR Production office for substitute animal upon making the request. Any violation of this rule will result in a \$5000 fine and the contestant may be disqualified for the remainder of the competition.
- C. Timed event contestants entered in the NFR pulling trailers will be allowed in the livestock/saddle horse area. A parking pass will be issued from the saddle horse boss upon arrival for that area. Motorized vehicles without a pass or any other parking pass besides the one issued from the saddle horse boss will not be granted access to this area. The pass must be displayed at all times when in the area and motorized vehicles in violation will be subject to towing.

XVIII. WRANGLER NFR OFFICES

- A. The NFR production office is located in the Thomas & Mack Coliseum. All NFR operations, i.e., Contestant Office, Press office, and the General Manager's office, will be coordinated.

XIX. REQUIRED FUNCTIONS

Contestants who are not present at functions where gifts are presented will not be allowed to receive the gifts at a later time unless approved otherwise by the NFR.

- A. **Monday, December 4, 2023:**
4-8 p.m. *Tie-down ropers: Working NFR tie-down animals at Thomas & Mack Center*
- B. **Tuesday, December 5, 2023:**
8:30-10 a.m. *Barrel racers: Practice runs at Thomas & Mack Center*
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. *Team ropers: NFR team roping steers worked, Thomas & Mack Center*
12:30-2:30 p.m. *Steer wrestlers: NFR steer wrestling steers worked. Thomas & Mack Center*
1 p.m. *Riding event stock draw for first two go-rounds.*
6-8:30 p.m. *PRCA Convention Welcome Reception, South Point Hotel & Casino – Napa C & D NFR contestant and one guest. NFR contestant numbers, jackets, and rings will be presented.*
- C. **Wednesday, December 6, 2023:**
9:30-11:15 a.m. *Contestant Registration, Meeting Room B, Thomas & Mack Center*
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Contestant Grand Entry Rehearsal, Thomas & Mack Center*
1-1:30 p.m. *Contestant group pictures, Thomas & Mack Center*
- D. **Thursday, December 7, 2023:**
8- 8:30 a.m. *Tie-down roping - 1st pen of tie-down animals worked, Thomas & Mack Center*

- 5:45 p.m. – Conclusion *First Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
- E. Friday, December 8, 2023:**
 8-8:30 a.m. *Tie-down roping - 2nd pen of tie-down animals worked, Thomas & Mack*
 5:45 p.m.- Conclusion *Second Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
- F. Saturday, December 9, 2023:**
 8-8:30 a.m. *Tie-down roping - 3rd pen of tie-down animals worked, Thomas & Mack*
 5:45 p.m. – Conclusion *Third Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
- G. Sunday, December 10, 2023:**
 5:45 p.m. - Conclusion *Fourth Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
- H. Monday, December 11, 2023:**
 5:45 p.m. - Conclusion *Fifth Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
- I. Tuesday, December 12, 2023:**
 5:45 p.m. - Conclusion *Sixth Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
- J. Wednesday, December 13, 2023:**
 5:45 p.m.– Conclusion *Seventh Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
- K. Thursday, December 14, 2023:**
 5:45 p.m. Conclusion *Eighth Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
- L. Friday, December 15, 2023:**
 5:45 p.m.– Conclusion *Ninth Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
- M. Saturday, December 16, 2023:**
 5:45 p.m.- Conclusion *Tenth Performance, National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack Center*
After 10th performance: Recognition of NFR average winners, World Champions, and presentation of sponsorship awards in arena. FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF CONTESTANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ARENA, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE LAST PERFORMANCE, UNTIL AFTER PHOTOGRAPHERS AND PRESS PERSONS ARE FINISHED WITH INTERVIEWS.
- N. May, 2023:**
All World Champions are required to attend a Media & Photo Day in Las Vegas during the month of May the following year of their Champions Title. This will be held on either a Monday or a Tuesday. Contestants will be notified no later than 60 days prior to the established date.

EXHIBIT A: ADDENDUM TO National Finals Rodeo Ground Rules



**PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION PROCEDURES FOR
PAIRING TEAM ROPING HEADERS & HEELERS**

1. Pledge forms were emailed to the Top 15 headers and Top 15 heelers, based on the most current standings available at the time, on or about October 9. **If you were not mailed a pledge form, you are still responsible for obtaining one if you qualify for the National Finals Rodeo.**
2. Each header and heeler who qualifies for the NFR must return a **signed** pledge form to the PRCA National Office by no later than **12:00 p.m. (MT) Wednesday, October 18, 2023**. Pledge forms may be returned by mail, fax or e-mail to the PRCA National Headquarters.
3. A header and heeler will be considered a team for the NFR only if the header and heeler both name each other as the designated partner on a properly completed pledge form and return the pledge form to the PRCA National Office by the deadline in paragraph 2. **The return of a pledge form by only one member of a prospective team will not be sufficient to create a team.** Once a pledge form is returned to the PRCA National Office, the designation of a partner may not be revoked.
4. If, at 12 p.m. (MT) Wednesday, October 18, 2023, two or more headers and two or more heelers do not have partners for the NFR pursuant to these procedures, the PRCA will attempt to contact those individuals by phone to notify them of the situation. Any qualifying header and heeler not considered part of a NFR team may then form a team according to paragraph 3 of these procedures only if a new pledge form is received by the PRCA National Office by 1 p.m. (MT) Wednesday, October 18, 2023.
5. If, as of 1 p.m. (MT) October 18, 2023, two or more headers and two or more heelers do not have partners for the NFR pursuant to these procedures, the PRCA will assign partners based on a random draw to be conducted by the Director of Rodeo Administration, or his designated representative, at the National Office in accordance with a procedure devised solely by the PRCA and the Director of Rodeo Administration. The terms of this procedure, and its application, shall be final and binding and not subject to the PRCA grievance process.
6. If only one header and one heeler do not have a partner, those two individuals will automatically be assigned as partners for the 2023 NFR.



**PRCA & WPRA
NATIONAL FINALS RODEO AGREEMENT TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The terms and conditions set forth in this Addendum shall be incorporated into and be considered part of the ground rules of the 2023 NFR. All WPRA members participating in the 2023 NFR shall comply with all ground rules listed herein and all 2023 NFR ground rules.

1. Upon confirmation of participation in the 2023 NFR, each WPRA participant in the 2023 NFR (the “WPRA participant”) shall automatically become subject to, and agree to comply with and observe, all applicable provisions of the PRCA Bylaws and official rodeo rules, and the ground rules of the 2023 NFR.
2. Each WPRA participant, upon confirmation of participation in the 2023 NFR, agrees:
 - (a) To be subject to and to comply with at the 2023 NFR all guidelines, rules, regulations and limitations of the PRCA which apply to advertising of a commercial business, product, service or individual in an arena;
 - (b) That if there is any conflict between a sponsor or sponsorship of WPRA or a WPRA participant and a PRCA national sponsor or a sponsor of the 2023 NFR, then PRCA’s national sponsorship and the NFR sponsorship will take precedence and must be honored;
 - (c) To the filming, taping, photographing, televising or broadcasting or reproduction in any manner or form of the 2023 NFR and that the PRCA shall be the owner of all rights in and to her appearance or other involvement in the 2023 NFR and;
 - (d) To the use, reproduction and dissemination by PRCA and/or the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Properties, Inc. (“PRCAP”) of the name, voice, likeness, biography, photograph, other pictures and/or appearance of any WPRA participant in the 2023 NFR in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the 2023 NFR and/or the sport of professional rodeo, but not in conjunction with any statement constituting an endorsement by such WPRA participant of any product or service, unless that person’s consent thereto is first obtained.
3. In consideration of participation in the 2023 NFR, each WPRA participant, upon confirmation of participation, understands, acknowledges and agrees to be bound by all terms of the assumption of risk and release of liability provisions of PRCA Bylaw sections B1.2.4 and B2.1.2, the complete text of each of which is attached to this Addendum as Exhibit A to Exhibit B and is incorporated herein by this specific reference. These provisions are in furtherance of, and not in substitution for, the acknowledgments, releases and other promises and covenants contained in WPRA Bylaw section 1.3.2, a copy of which is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B to Exhibit B and which is incorporated herein by this specific reference. Such WPRA Bylaw provision continues in full force and effect and is binding upon each WPRA participant for purposes of the involvement of the WPRA participant in the 2023 NFR.
4. Further, upon confirmation of participation, each WPRA participant agrees:
 - (a) Not to engage in conduct which is detrimental to the public image, reputation or well-being of PRCA, the WPRA, the 2023 NFR or the sport of professional rodeo;
 - (b) That any such conduct and all other activities and conduct of the WPRA participant in connection with her contesting at or involvement in the 2023 NFR will subject the WPRA participant to discipline and the imposition of fines in accordance with the PRCA Bylaws and the ground rules of the 2023 NFR, including the grievance procedures pertaining to the 2023 NFR; provided, however, that the jurisdiction and authority of the PRCA or a subcommittee of the NFRC to discipline or fine a WPRA participant is not intended to preempt the jurisdiction of the WPRA to

enforce its Bylaws and rules against any WPRA participant with respect to the participation of any WPRA participant in the 2023 NFR, or to discipline and fine its members for any violation of the WPRA Bylaws or rules and to collect all fines assessed with respect thereto.

- (C) That WPRA, PRCA and the subcommittee of the NFRC will attempt to avoid duplicate assessment of fines for violation of substantially similar rules by WPRA participants; WPRA shall have the primary responsibility to address and impose discipline and/or fines under such circumstances, provided that that PRCA or the subcommittee of the NFRC shall not be prohibited from exercising jurisdiction and authority to discipline and/or fine a WPRA participant whenever, in the discretion of such organization, circumstances warrant such action and even though WPRA may choose not to impose discipline or assess a fine.
- (d) That the PRCA Bylaws will be determinative, final and binding as to the procedures and basis for any imposition of discipline and/or fines for violation of the PRCA Bylaws and the official rodeo rules and the grievance procedures pertaining to the 2023 NFR will be determinative, final and binding as to the procedures and basis for any imposition of discipline and/or fines for violation of the 2023 NFR ground rules, and any grievance or appeal thereof.

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Agreed and accepted by WPRA member:

WPRA Card No. _____ **Printed Name:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Bylaw B1.2.4 as printed in the PRCA Rulebook

B1.2.4 Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability. THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE PRCA, YOU ARE AGREEING TO RELEASE THE PRCA AND OTHER PARTIES FROM LIABILITY. PLEASE READ THIS PROVISION CAREFULLY.

Members acknowledge that rodeo events, including PRCA-sanctioned events, are inherently dangerous activities. Members further acknowledge that participation in a PRCA-sanctioned event (whether as a competitor, independent contractor, official, laborer, volunteer or observer) exposes the participant to substantial and serious hazards and risks of property damage, personal injury and/or death. Each member, in consideration of his membership in the PRCA and his being permitted to participate in a PRCA-sanctioned event in any capacity, does by such membership and participation agree to assume such hazards and risks.

Each member further agrees to discharge, waive, release and covenant not to sue the PRCA, PRCA Properties ("PRCAP"), all PRCA sponsors, all members (including, without limitation, contestants, stock contractors, rodeo committees, rodeo producers and contract personnel), and any other PRCA-sanctioned event production entity (and each party's respective officers, directors, employees and agents), from all claims, demands and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death arising from such member's participation in a PRCA-sanctioned event. This discharge, waiver and release includes claims, demands and liabilities that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent, and includes claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of the negligence of the parties so released by such member. Furthermore, where permitted by applicable law, this discharge, waiver and release also includes claims, demands and liabilities arising out of the gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the parties so released. This discharge, waiver and release also includes claims, demands, and liabilities by a member for indemnities and contributions arising from property damage, personal injury and/or death to a third party.

In the event that any provision of this discharge, waiver and release is determined to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any of the other provisions, which other provisions shall remain in full force and effect as if this discharge, waiver and release had been executed with the invalid provision eliminated.

The undertakings and covenants of the foregoing provisions shall be binding upon each member, his or her heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

Bylaw B2.1.2 as printed in the PRCA Rulebook

B2.1.2 Indemnification. Each member (including, without limitation, contestants, stock contractors, rodeo committees, rodeo producers and contract personnel) agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless PRCA, PRCAP and all PRCA sponsors from any and all claims, demands and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death asserted by a third party (defined as any party other than the member, PRCA, PRCAP or a PRCA sponsor) and arising from such member's participation in a PRCA-sanctioned event.



Rule 1.3.2. as printed in the WPRA Rulebook

1.3.2. WPRA members acknowledge that rodeos are dangerous activities and participants in a rodeo as a competitor, an independent contractor, or volunteer, exposes the participant to a substantial and serious risk of property damage, personal injury or death. WPRA members acknowledge that participation in WPRA/PRCA sanctioned rodeos/events will involve such a hazard. Being fully aware that participation in WPRA/PRCA sanctioned rodeos/events will expose said member to substantial and serious risk of property damage and or personal injury or death, said member hereby releases WPRA, PRCA, and PRCAP sponsors, and PRCA/WPRA sanctioned rodeo/event production entity, their affiliated, related or subsidiary companies, and the officers, directors, employees and agents of each entity or organization from liability for any and all property damage, personal injury or other claims arising from participation in the PRCA/WPRA sanctioned rodeos/events, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent. WPRA members shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit or other proceeding against the aforementioned arising out of or related to the actions, causes of action, claims and demands hereby waived, released or discharged by WPRA member. This provision shall be binding upon each WPRA member, her spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.



PRCA PATCH RULES GOVERNING ADVERTISING IN THE PRCA COMPETITION ARENA OR AT PRCA SPECIAL EVENTS

I. Effective Date: These PRCA/PRCAP Rules and Regulations Governing Advertising in the Competition Arena or Special Event (“PATCH RULES”) govern the wearing or display of Patches or Signage at PRCA EVENTS (as defined in Section II.A below). The Effective Date is on or after January 1, 2023. In the sole discretion of the PRCA/PRCAP, these PATCH RULES are subject to revision at any time. Any amendment adopted after the Effective Date above will be effective as specified within such amendment.

II. General Provisions: These PATCH RULES are being adopted to serve as the guidelines contemplated by Chapter 2 Section B2.o.6 of the PRCA Bylaws by which members of the PRCA may wear or display garments, tack or gear advertising a commercial business, product, service or individual at a PRCA EVENT (as defined in Section II.A below).

- A. These PATCH RULES shall apply to all individuals who enter a Competition Arena or Special Event that is sanctioned or approved by PRCA/PRCAP (“PRCA EVENT” or plural as “PRCA EVENTS”). These PRCA EVENTS also include Special Events as defined in Section III.E. Any individual who refuses to comply with these PATCH RULES may be denied participation and/or entry into or may be removed from the PRCA EVENT.
- B. Only full members of the PRCA in good standing are eligible to participate in this PATCH PROGRAM. This includes but is not limited to contestants including permit members, contract personnel, clowns/barrelmen, pickup men, specialty acts, rodeo committees and stock contractors who have full membership. PRCA members who do not participate in the PATCH PROGRAM may not wear Patches or Signage at any PRCA EVENT.
- C. PRCA full members and permit members, who are not Participants, may not wear or display any garment, tack or gear advertising a commercial business, product, service or individual at a PRCA EVENT. Further, an individual who is a Participant under one area of membership, such as a contract personnel member, is not entitled to wear or display any Patch in the Competition Arena while participating in a rodeo in a second capacity, i.e. as a contestant, unless he qualifies as a Participant in the second capacity.
- D. Non-PRCA members entering a PRCA EVENT must comply with these PATCH RULES in their entirety. In the case of non-PRCA members, these PATCH RULES shall apply notwithstanding the use of the term "Participant" within the PATCH RULES in connection with the provisions contained herein.
- E. The terms and conditions of these PATCH RULES shall be enforceable as to and within all PRCA EVENTS unless otherwise specified in these PATCH RULES or in the ground rules of a PRCA EVENT (including but not limited to the NFR Ground Rules).
- F. In the sole discretion of the PRCA/PRCAP, these PATCH RULES are subject to revision at any time. existing and future sponsorship agreements between PRCA/PRCAP and National Sponsors. All individuals participating in and/or entering a PRCA EVENT shall be subject to the PATCH RULES and shall follow all the PATCH RULES set forth herein.
- G. All contestants participating in the National Finals Rodeo and National Finals Steer Roping are required to wear a PRCA logo patch while at the rodeo arena and during competition on their competition shirt placket between the second and third button from the top or approximately centered on the front top third on their competition vest. This PRCA logo shall be provided by PRCA Properties and will measure approximately 1.5”

tall and 1.25” wide. Failure to comply will result in a \$250 fine for the first offense, that amount progressively doubles with every offense thereafter.

- H. Individuals may not wear Patches, display Signage, or otherwise advertise any non- PRCA rodeo association, Stock Contracting Firm, or event at a PRCA EVENT (e.g. PBR, CBR, WCRA, etc.).
- I. Individuals **may not** have a patch, embroidery or decal at any PRCA EVENT with any company in competition with PRCA/PRCAP Exclusive Sponsors.
- J. All individuals **must** follow the guidelines set forth in the PATCH RULES with respect to the Right of First Refusal (ROFR) Sponsors: This means an offer must first be presented to the Right of First Refusal Sponsors and they have the right to match a competitor’s offer to be a Patch sponsor at a PRCA EVENT. Right of First Refusal Sponsors have a maximum of 30 days to reach a decision, and after that time period expires the PRCA member can enter into a Patch sponsorship agreement with the competitive company. This process must be repeated annually prior to patch renewal.
- K. No Patch may be worn at a PRCA EVENT which demeans, disparages, or opposes the use of any product or service of any sponsor of the PRCA/PRCAP or any PRCA EVENT.
- L. These PATCH RULES shall not apply to Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) sanctioned rodeos in Canada, unless those rodeos are also sanctioned by the PRCA as a part of any TOUR or the Maple Leaf Circuit rodeos.
- M. A PRCA member Rodeo Committee or Stock Contractor shall not be subject to these PATCH RULES with respect to Patches, Signage or other form of logo which is used to identify or promote that Rodeo Committee or Stock Contractor. This exemption shall also apply to Patches worn or Signage used by bona fide employees and volunteers of the Rodeo Committee or Stock Contractor. This exemption shall not apply, however, to Patches or Signage which in any way advertise a party other than the Rodeo Committee or Stock Contractor or to Patches or Signage which advertise both a third party and the Rodeo Committee or Stock Contractor.
- N. Applicants to become Participants must allow at least two weeks to process the application.

III. Definitions:

- A. "Patch" means any identification, trade name, trademark (regardless of registration status), service mark, logo or other recognizable identification of a commercial business, product, service or individual in the form of material or a piece of material to be worn on, affixed to or as part of a garment, tack or gear so as to be visible to others within the Competition Arena. Clothing designs shall be considered Patches unless such designs meet all requirements for pocket emblems as set forth in section IV.G. herein.
- B. "Signage" means any recognizable identification of a commercial business, product, service or individual that is not affixed to or as part of a garment, tack or gear so as to be visible to others within the Competition Arena.
- C. "Competition Arena" means the interior of the area enclosed by the arena seating at a PRCA-sanctioned rodeo, including the chutes, the back of the chutes, announcers’ stand and the chute platforms.
- D. "PRCA EVENT" means any PRCA/PRCAP sanctioned event, competition, promotion or any Special Event.
- E. "Special Event" includes, but is not limited to, participation by a PRCA member in a promotional event or any other production or event physically outside of the Competition Arena. By way of example, but not exclusively, Special Event includes any ProRodeo.com bio page, PRCA publication, media guides, rodeo photos, CMA music fest, rodeo grounds, special PRCA representation appearances, parades, auto races, television and video appearances of any nature and any PRCA/PRCAP sponsored function such as a reception.
- F. "Exclusive Sponsors" means those sponsors that have been designated by the PRCA as exclusive national sponsors for a specific category of sponsorship. The only two sponsors in the Jeans and Shirts category shall be Wrangler or CINCH.
- G. "Participant" means any PRCA member who is approved by the PRCA/PRCAP to participate in the

PRCA/PRCAP Patch Sponsorship Program as described herein ("PATCH PROGRAM"), including all PRCA membership categories.

- H. Participants in the PRCA Patch Program shall offer "Right of First Refusal" (ROFR) to any PRCA National Sponsor who sponsored that PRCA member Participant in the preceding year.
- I. "National Sponsor" means any company that in the sole discretion of the PRCA/PRCAP, is an official PRCA/PRCAP sponsor or licensee.

IV. Guidelines:

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of these PATCH RULES, no Participant may appear at a PRCA EVENT displaying a Patch as permitted by these PATCH RULES until the Patch or Signage has been approved by PRCA/PRCAP.
- B. Participants may not wear Patches at any PRCA EVENT with a **"no signage in arena" policy**, unless otherwise permitted by the rodeo committee, which permission must be disclosed at the time of rodeo approval. Before a rodeo committee may have a "no signage in arena" policy, it must disclose that policy as part of the rodeo approval process, and such policy must be approved by the PRCA/PRCAP. Rodeo committees which have a sponsor flag presentation cannot be granted a "no signage in arena" policy; if a rodeo conducts a sponsor flag presentation, any "no signage in arena" policy of that rodeo shall be deemed waived.
- C. National Sponsors shall be exempt from size specifications for Patches and Signage worn by non-contestants (e.g., Ram pickup men chaps, Wrangler clown pants logos, Justin Sports Medicine jackets, etc.).
- D. All Patches must be firmly attached on clothing or equipment used for display. No nonapproved Patches may be covered by tape, or other temporary means.
- E. Any commercial identification in violation of governmental television regulations or television network guidelines is prohibited at all televised PRCA EVENTS.
- F. Patch Sponsorship Program sponsors or sponsors of non-Participants **cannot** be acknowledged over the public-address system at any PRCA sanctioned rodeo (sponsors who are also National Sponsors or any rodeo committee sponsors of the rodeo at which the public address system announcement is made are exempt from this prohibition).
- G. Manufacturers' pocket emblems affixed to clothing are exempt from these PATCH RULES only if the following conditions are satisfied: (i) **the pocket emblem displays only the brand or manufacturer of the clothing**; (ii) the dimensions **do not exceed 2 inches in length and 1½ inches in height**; and (iii) such pocket emblems are routinely attached or embroidered as pocket emblems to clothing offered for retail sale "off the rack" to the general public by the manufacturer. Individuals entering the arena should be aware that a pocket emblem is not exempt from these PATCH RULES simply because a shirt is bought "off the rack," unless the pocket emblem meets all the requirements in this paragraph. For the purposes of these PATCH RULES, the "brand or manufacturer" means the entity which distributes at wholesale, or offers the clothing for retail sale, or the trademark under which the shirt is sold to the public.
- H. Protective vests, jackets, committee vests, rain slickers and other protective clothing shall also be subject to these PATCH RULES.

V. PRCA Contestant Member and Permit Member Participants:

- A. Patches may be worn in the following areas, and shall be limited to one sponsor Patch in each location:
 - 1. **Chest/pocket**
 - 2. **Sleeve**
 - 3. **Glove**
 - 4. **Cantle/yoke (top back of shirt)**
 - 5. **Back (below the back number)**
 - 6. **Shirt front stripe**

7. **Chap**
8. **Saddle pad**
9. **Shirt collar**
10. **Breast collar**
11. **Shirt Cuff**
12. **Hat or Helmet**
13. **Baggies**

VI. PRCA Contract Personnel Member Participants:

- A. PRCA contract personnel member Participants may also display Signage which complies with X. A. and B. of these PATCH RULES on their equipment used at PRCA EVENTS (e.g., clown barrels, vehicles, trailers, pedestals, etc.).
- B. PRCA contract personnel member Participants must reach agreement with rodeo committees to which they are contracted with respect to any PATCH PROGRAM sponsors that may conflict with the rodeo committee's own sponsorships (e.g., barrelman and /or pickup men, etc.). Rodeo committees may not prevent contract personnel from having patch sponsorships at their rodeos which are not in conflict with the rodeo committees' own sponsorships unless that rodeo has a "no signage in arena" policy.
- C. A clown's baggies will be considered the same as contestant chaps for purposes of the limitations specified in these PATCH RULES. Patches or Signage shall be allowed (e.g., prop or costume clothing, logoed suspenders, leggings, gloves, bandanas and halters) provided that a clown wearing or using such Patches or Signage complies with the PATCH RULES as set forth.

VII. PRCA Stock Contractor Member and PRCA Livestock Participants:

- A. Patches may be worn in the following areas but shall be limited to one Patch Sponsor per location.
 1. **Chest/pocket** (shirt front)
 2. **Sleeve**
 3. **Cantle/yoke**
 4. **Shirt Collar**
- B. Stock contractor firm Participants (including pickup men and chute bosses) may also display Signage, which complies with section X.A. and B. of these PATCH RULES on their equipment used at PRCA EVENTS (e.g., vehicles placing barrels for barrel racing, etc.).
- C. Stock contractor firm Participants (including their pickup men and chute bosses) must reach agreement with rodeo committees to which they are contracted with respect to any patch sponsorships that may conflict with the rodeo committees' own sponsorships (e.g., barrelman and/or pickup men, etc.). Rodeo committees may not prevent stock contracting firm Participants (including their pickup men and chute bosses) from having patch sponsorships at their rodeos which are not in conflict with the rodeo committees' own sponsorships, unless that rodeo has a "no signage in arena" policy.
- D. Sponsorship of livestock pertains to the naming of livestock only.
- E. The stock contractor must follow the PRCA/PRCAP PATCH RULES set forth for the naming of any livestock after a commercial brand or entity used at PRCA EVENTS.
- F. No named livestock whose sponsor or sponsorship is in conflict with the National Sponsors may have their sponsor name announced or presented in the telecast of the NFR, NFSR, NCFR, Playoffs, Championships, CFRs, TOUR rodeos, or Xtreme Bulls Tour events. (Category subject to expansion.)

VIII. Sponsors:

- A. For Patch Sponsors that do not have an agreement with the PRCA/PRCAP, no more than twelve (12) contestant Participants, contract personnel Participants, or stock contractor firm Participants may enter into patch sponsorship agreements with the same sponsor for the display of Patch(es) or Signage in the Competition Arena. Patch Sponsors that have an agreement with PRCA/PRCAP are granted an unlimited number of contestant Participants, contract personnel Participants and stock contractor firm Participants.
- B. Sponsorships by distributors/dealers or retailers of a national brand must only name the distributor/dealer or retailer on the Patch or Signage. If the brand name or logo is displayed on the Patch or Signage, that sponsorship shall be considered to have been entered by the brand manufacturer and not the distributor/dealer or retailer.
- C. Patch program sponsors cannot claim any PRCA/PRCAP endorsement nor can they use the PRCA/PRCAP trade name, logos, trademarks, service marks, and sponsor identifications in any manner (except recognized National Sponsors in accordance with their PRCA/PRCAP sponsorship agreements).
- D. Notwithstanding the other provisions of the PATCH RULES, if a Participant has executed an agreement with a sponsor whereby the Participant is to display sponsor's Patch(es) or Signage at a PRCA EVENT, and PRCA/PRCAP subsequently enters into an agreement with a National Sponsor, the terms of which would conflict with Participant's ability to display his sponsor's Patch(es) or Signage at a PRCA EVENT, Participant may nevertheless continue to honor his obligations (with respect to Patch(es) or Signage at the PRCA EVENTS) pursuant to that agreement throughout the initial term of the agreement (excluding renewal, extension or right of first refusal provisions).
- E. If a Participant has entered into a patch sponsorship agreement with a sponsor which complies with these PATCH RULES set forth herein, and such sponsor subsequently develops a product or service in competition with an Exclusive or Right of First Refusal Sponsor, Participant must honor the exclusive sponsor provisions and the first refusal sponsor provisions. If the new product or service is in conflict with a PRCA National Sponsor, then Participant may continue to participate in the Patch Sponsorship Program under the terms of their agreement through the initial term of their original agreement (excluding renewal rights or rights of first refusal). Upon expiration of the term of the original agreement, Participant and sponsor shall be subject to all limitations on competitors with products or services in accordance with these PATCH RULES.
- F. National Sponsors are not limited to the number of participants enrolled in their program; however, a complete list of all participants must be on file with PRCA/PRCAP. Updated lists shall be submitted quarterly (if applicable). National Sponsors are subject to all other guidelines of the Patch program

IX. The Patch:

- A. Patches and Signage must meet the approved specifications contained in these PATCH RULES. Examples of all Patches and Signage must be submitted to PRCA/PRCAP for approval prior to use at a PRCA EVENT by the Participant. PRCA/PRCAP must approve final design of all Patches and Signage before they can be displayed at a PRCA EVENT.
- B. Patches may feature sponsor logo and/or lettering.

X. Signage:

- A. Signage used by contract personnel, clowns/barrelmen, specialty acts and/or stock contractors on large equipment that is visible from the seating area of a PRCA EVENT (e.g., trucks, trailers, etc.) may not exceed twelve (12) square feet maximum. This is one sign per side of equipment (two (2) sides only).
- B. Signage used by contract personnel, clowns/barrelmen, specialty acts and/or stock contractors on small equipment that is visible from the seating area of a PRCA EVENT (e.g., clown barrels, pedestals, etc.) may not exceed three (3) square feet maximum.

XI. Sanctions, Fines and Penalties:

A. Any Participant in violation of these PATCH RULES may be ordered by the rodeo judge or PRCA/PRCAP personnel to change his attire or equipment before he can enter or remain at a PRCA EVENT or to participate, compete or perform. Failure to abide by a judge's or PRCA/PRCAP personnel's order to change attire or equipment may result in disqualification from that event, performance or section of slack. In addition, violators shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section XI. B. below.

B. Any Participant who violates these PATCH RULES at a PRCA EVENT **other than the NFR, NFSR, NCFR, Tour rodeo, Xtreme Bulls Tour, any PRCA televised rodeos, Playoffs or other Championships** may be disqualified from participating in that entire event and shall also be subject to the following fine schedule:

1st offense	\$500
2nd offense	\$1,000
3rd offense	\$1,500 plus a two (2) year exclusion from the program.
4th and subsequent offense - Participants who violate these PATCH RULES for the fourth time, and for each subsequent violation, shall be considered to have committed a Class III Offense, as defined by the PRCA Bylaws. Non-PRCA members shall be subject to a \$3,000 fine for the fourth violation, with the fine progressively doubling for each violation thereafter.	

C. Any individual who violates these Rules and Regulations at **the NFR, NFSR, NCFR, Tour rodeo, Xtreme Bulls Tour, any PRCA televised rodeos, Playoffs or other Championships** may be disqualified from participating in that entire event and shall also be subject to the following fine schedule:

1st offense	\$1,000
2nd offense	\$2,000
3rd offense	\$4,000 plus a two (2) year exclusion from the patch sponsorship program.

4th and subsequent offenses - DISQUALIFICATION

Participants who violate these rules and regulations for the fourth time, and for each subsequent violation, shall be considered to have committed a Class III offense, as defined by the PRCA Bylaws. Non-PRCA members shall be subject to a \$3,000 fine for the fourth violation, with the fine progressively doubling for each violation thereafter.

Contestants may be fined without warning for violation of these PATCH RULES and may be subject to immediate disqualification.

If one team roper is disqualified for violation of these PATCH RULES, no replacement will be allowed, and therefore the team is disqualified.

D. If an individual violates these PATCH RULES while acting solely in the capacity of a volunteer or employee of a corporation or other legal entity, then the fine may be levied against the legal entity and not against the individual.

E. Announcers who knowingly violate section IV.F. shall be subject to a written notification by a PRCA/PRCAP official along with a \$100 fine, with the fine doubling for each offense documented after the original notification has been delivered.



PRCA SPONSOR LIST

As of September 1, 2023

Exclusive Sponsors

Wrangler

Cinch

National Sponsors

505 Southwest

AQHA

Bloomer Trailers

Boot Barn

Boyd Gaming

Brewco/ Zyn

Buck Up Energy

Choctaw

Community Coffee

Cowboy Channel – RFD

Durango

Equine Hemp Solutions

Hesston by Massey Ferguson

Justin Boots/ Justin Sports Medicine

Las Vegas (LVE/LVCVA)

MillerCoors

Mirage Hotel & Casino

Montana Silversmiths

Nutrena

OK Energy Resources Board

Pendleton Whisky

Pivot Bio

Platinum Performance

Polaris Ranger

Priefert

Pro Equine

Cactus Gear

Cactus Saddlery

Cactus Ropes

Purina

Ram Rodeo

Resistol

Resorts World

South Point Hotel & Casino

Standlee Forage

Succeed Supplement

Teton Ridge

Wrangler



PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION
PENALTY FOR MISUSE OF SYRINGES AND/OR NEEDLES

Anyone found misusing syringes and/or needles and/or not placing them in the provided disposal containers will be fined

\$1,000

for the first offense, that amount progressively doubling with every offense thereafter.



**PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION
CONSENT AND RELEASE VETERINARIAN CHECK OF SICK OR INJURED LIVESTOCK &
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EQUINE VACCINATION REQUIREMENT**

THIS IS A CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY. BY PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO (“NFR”), I AM CONSENTING TO MY HORSE(S)/ANIMAL(S) BEING CHECKED AND TESTED BY THE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO COMMITTEE (“NFR”)—DESIGNATED VETERINARIAN, AND AM AGREEING TO RELEASE CERTAIN PARTIES FROM LIABILITY. I HAVE THEREFORE BEEN ADVISED TO READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.

I acknowledge that **I have read and understand Section IX.N of the NFR ground rules** covering the examination of an injured or sick animal at the NFR by a NFR-designated veterinarian, including the right of the veterinarian to conduct a blood and/or urine test, **and I hereby consent to the examination of my animal(s) on the terms and conditions set forth in Section IX.P of the NFR ground rules.**

I acknowledge that **I have read and understand Sections VIII. Timed Events A. General 1. and IX. Stock Contractors and Livestock I. of the NFR ground rules** covering the Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccination requirement at the NFR.

I further agree to discharge, waive, release and covenant not to sue the PRCA, Las Vegas Events, the NFR, the NFR-designated veterinarian, PRCA Properties (“PRCAP”), all PRCA sponsors, and all PRCA members, including, without limitation, contestants, stock contractors, rodeo committees, rodeo producers and contract personnel, (and each party’s respective officers, directors, employees and agents) (hereinafter referred to as the “released parties”), from all claims, demands and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death arising from the NFR- designated veterinarian’s examination and/or blood/urine test. This discharge, waiver and release includes claims, demands and liabilities that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent, and includes claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of the negligence of the parties so released by me. Furthermore, in the event that I am not the sole owner of the animal being examined/tested, I agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the released parties from any and all claims, demands and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death asserted by a third party (including without limitation the owner or co-owner of the animal being examined/tested) and arising from the NFR-designated veterinarian examination and/or testing for the animal.

In the event that any provision of this document is determined to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any of the other provisions, which other provisions shall remain in full force and effect as if this document had been executed with the invalid provision eliminated.

The undertakings and covenants of this document shall be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



In the interest of keeping up with the welfare of our equine partners all horses are required to be FULLY vaccinated and must abide by the following statement:

At the WRANGLER National Finals Rodeo, all equine participants must be FULLY vaccinated for Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months and no later than 14 days prior to entering the UNLV Thomas & Mack Center facility (November 16, 2023). Canadian Horses must be 14 days prior border crossing, for further information on border please see link below:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/downloads/import_horses_canada.pdf

Initial vaccination and booster are required to be considered fully vaccinated. Horses not in compliance with this rule will not be allowed on competition grounds upon request by the General Manager of the WRANGLER National Finals Rodeo.

Frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian. This includes horses chosen during the stock selection and all alternate horses.

12-month negative Coggins, 30-day health certificate and vaccination documentation must be submitted to Scott Dorenkamp by November 23rd, 2023.

All equine contestants and personnel working at the NFR with horses must provide proof of vaccination of their equine partner and sent to Scott Dorenkamp by November 23rd, 2023, the following vaccination log must be filled out by a licensed veterinarian.

All contestants and NFR personnel that bring horses to the NFR must bring all horses that are competing, potentially competing or working the NFR to the Thomas and Mack Center (whether stabled on grounds or a daily ship in) prior to 5:00 PM Tuesday, December 5, 2023, to be inspected and logged to ensure all records of vaccinations and health papers are in order. **After this any horse needing to be replaced, contestant must notify NFR Production Office no later than 8:00 AM prior to the performance and provide a 12-month negative Coggins, 30-day health certificate and vaccination documentation to NFR Production office for substitute animal upon making the request. Any violation of this rule will result in a \$5000 fine and the contestant may be disqualified for the remainder of the competition.**



**VACCINATION RECORD: Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes
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Firm: _____

General Manager: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

Horse Name	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Place & Country	Vaccination			Name, Signature &/or Stamp of Veterinarian
			Name	Batch	Route/Mode	