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CALGARY STAMPEDE RODEO
GROUND RULES - JULY 7 – 16, 2017

1) QUALIFICATIONS

The Calgary Stampede will invite twenty (20) contestants in Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Tie-Down Roping and Steer Wrestling as follows:

- 2016 Calgary Stampede Champion
- 2016 Canadian Rodeo Tour Champion (no drop down)
- Top five (5) from the 2016 Canadian Professional Rodeo Assoc. Final standings (no drop down)
- Top ten (10) from the 2016 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Final standings (no drop down)
- Top three (3) from the 2016 Elite Rodeo Association Final standings (no drop down)

Bull Riding:

- 2016 Calgary Stampede Champion
- 2016 Canadian Rodeo Tour Champion (drop down until filled)
- Top four (4) from the 2016 Canadian Professional Rodeo Association Final standings (drop down until filled)
- Top nine (9) from the 2016 Pro Bull Riders World final standings (drop down until filled)
- 2016 Pro Bull Riders Canada Champion (drop down until filled)
- Top four (4) from the 2016 Professional Rodeo Cowboys final standings (drop down until filled)

Ladies Barrel Racing:

- 2016 Calgary Stampede Champion
- Top six (6) from the 2016 Women's Professional Rodeo Association final standings (drop down until filled)
- Top four (4) from the 2016 Canadian Professional Rodeo Association final standings (drop down until filled)
- Top four (4) from the 2016 Women's Professional Rodeo Association Tour Final standings (drop down until filled)
- Top four (4) from the 2017 Women's Professional Rodeo Association Qualifications standings as of April 1 (drop down until filled)
- 2017 Ram National Circuit Finals Rodeo Champion (drop down to four positions, (Finals Only) then go to the 2017 WPRA Qualifications standings as of April 1.)

Calgary Stampede will adhere to the 2017 WPRA Equine Drugs and Medications Rules. During the 2017 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Race, testing samples will be collected at random, as specified by the WPRA Equine Drugs and Medications rules and according to protocols developed by WPRA. A positive test for a Class 1 or Class 2 drug, irrespective of whether WPRA issues a Responsible Member penalties, will be considered evidence of an independent violation of the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice for the mistreatment of animals. Calgary Stampede reserves the right to issue penalties for such violation, including prohibition from competition at future Calgary Stampedes, up to and including the first subsequent Calgary Stampede for which a Responsible Member qualifies. Contestant's prize money will be released promptly after a negative test result for their horse(s) has been confirmed. When a positive test results in disqualification(s), prize money for that day will be paid to the top contestants that were not disqualified.

CPRA positions will be filled in order (top down excluding CS and CRTC Champions) from Money Won during the 2016 CPRA season as of November 16 – should any contestant(s) not accept the invitation, the position(s) will be filled in order from the Money Won list through CPRA 12th place. Any unfilled CPRA positions will then become a Calgary Stampede Qualified Position.

PRCA positions will be filled in order (top down excluding CS and CRTC Champions, PBR qualifiers and CPRA qualifiers) from Money Won during the 2016 PRCA season as of December 13th – should any contestant(s) not accept the invitation, the position(s) will be filled in order from the

Money Won list through 15th place. Any unfilled PRCA positions will then become a Calgary Stampede Qualified Position. PBR Canada position will be filled in order excluding CS and CRTC Champions, PBR BFTS qualifiers and CPRA qualifiers.

Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s) in the CPRA, WPRA/PRCA or PBR the tie will be broken in favour of those with the highest total money won in the applicable 2016 regular season of the association for the contestants so tied. (i.e. if two contestants were tied for the final CPRA position – Money won in the 2016 CPRA Regular season will break the tie.) After **March 13, 2017** all unfilled positions will become Calgary Stampede Qualified Positions, with the exception of the Ladies Barrel Racing where unfilled positions will be filled from the current 2017 WPRA qualifying standings. The most recent available standings will be considered current.

Notwithstanding and in any event of the qualification structure outlined above, the Calgary Stampede reserves the right in its sole and unfettered discretion to not issue or retract an invitation to any Rodeo Contestant.

2) TURNOUTS AND DOCTOR / VET RELEASES

1) Turn Out, Doctor and Vet Release (Vet releases pertain to barrel racers only) requests must be relayed to RODEO OFFICE by 12:00 noon MDT July 6 for Pool A and July 10 for Pool B so that we may find a suitable replacement contestant. Contestant substitutions will not be allowed once the first go-round starts for Pool A or Pool B.

2) Once confirmation of intent to compete has been submitted, if for any reason a contestant is unable to compete, the contestant must notify the RODEO OFFICE so that the STAMPEDE may arrange for substitution.

3) Contestants must compete in the first go-round of their Pool in order to continue participating in the STAMPEDE.

4) Any contestant wishing to Doctor or Vet release during the STAMPEDE must notify the RODEO OFFICE or Calgary Stampede Rodeo Secretary ("SECRETARY") two (2) hours prior to the start of the performance so affected. Failure to notify or late notification will result in a fine of \$250.00 per incident.

5) Doctor or Vet releases will be accepted, in person to the SECRETARY, by phone, email or fax to the RODEO OFFICE. A signed Doctor or Vet verification letter must accompany the request for release. 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 Calgary Stampede approval. A contestant that Doctor or Vet releases from a go-round must sit out the next go-round. (ie: a contestant Doctor releasing for day four of their pool will be ineligible for Wild Card Saturday and Showdown Sunday.)

6) Once competition in a contestant's Pool has begun, notification of turnouts will be accepted, in person to the SECRETARY, by phone, email or fax to the RODEO OFFICE. Turnouts must be notified at least two (2) hours prior to the performance affected. The following Turnout penalty will apply: The contestant Turning Out will be ineligible from competing in the Calgary Stampede Rodeo for two (2) years.

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

Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding: In the riding events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse or bull out of the chute (except in the case of a chute stalling animal or unless the Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials rule the contestant was fouled coming out of the chute) shall automatically be deemed to not 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 passes the plane of the chute gate; and the bull riding contestant must have his hand in bull rope with wrap taken 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 Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials to determine whether a contestant has given an honest effort. In making this determination, Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete his ride.

Tie-down roping, Steer Wrestling: In the timed events a contestant who fails to ride, using the appropriate equipment, his horse across the score line (unless the Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials rule he was fouled leaving the box) shall automatically be deemed to have not given an honest effort. Once the contestant has ridden his horse across the score line, it is the sole responsibility of the Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials to determine whether a contestant has given an honest effort. In making this determination, Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete the event and record a time.

Ladies Barrel Race: In the barrel race, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, her horse through the electric eyes (unless the Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials 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 Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials to determine whether a contestant has given an honest effort. In making this determination, Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

3) FORMAT

There will be two Pools formed from the qualified contestants as follows:

SB / BB / BR / TDR / SW / LBR

Pool A July 7 – 10

Pool B July 11 – 14

2016 CPRA Champions, 2016 PRCA/WPRA and PBR World Champions as well as contestants qualifying for the 2017 Calgary Stampede through two associations (Top 5 CPRA, Top 10 PRCA/WPRA and Top 9 PBR World) or in two events will select their pool. All other contestants will be drawn randomly into a pool.

Trade slips will be emailed to all contestants and are due back in the Rodeo Office 4:00 p.m. June 2.

Each contestant will compete each of the four (4) days of his/her pool. Each day will be a complete go-round.

The top four (4) in the Money standings from each Pool will advance to the Semi-Finals on Showdown Sunday. There will be no average payout. Should there be a tie for the fourth position – the contestant with the most money won in any go-round will break the tie. If a tie still exists the highest score or fastest time in any of the go-rounds will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant having the highest total score or fastest total time from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists, the judges will draw from the contestants so tied to determine which one will compete in the Semi-Finals.

The remaining six (6) contestants from each Pool will advance to the Wild Card Saturday. Contestants deemed ineligible will not advance.

Day 9 – Wild Card Saturday

No Scores will be carried forward to Wild Card Saturday. (Except for tie-breakers as noted below)

The Wild Card Saturday contestants will consist of the bottom six (6) money winners from Pool A and the bottom six (6) money winners from Pool B.

Each contestant will compete once – the two contestants with highest scores/fastest times in their event will advance to the Semi-Finals on Showdown Sunday. Should there be a tie for the second position – the contestant with the most money won in their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant with the most money won in any go-round will break the tie. If a tie still exists the highest score or fastest time in any of the go-rounds will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant having the highest total score or fastest total time from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists, the judges will draw from the contestants so tied to determine which one will compete in the Semi-Finals.

Day 10 – Semi-Finals & Showdown Sunday

Semi-Finals:

No Scores will be carried forward to the Semi-Finals. (Except for tie-breakers as noted below)

The Semi-Finals contestants will consist of the top four (4) money winners from Pool A, top four (4) money winners from Pool B and the two (2) contestants with the highest scores/fastest times from Wild Card Saturday. Each contestant will compete once.

Showdown:

No Scores/Times will be carried forward to the Showdown. (Except for tie-breakers as noted below)

The top four contestants in each event from the Semi-Finals will advance to the Showdown. Should there be a tie for the fourth position – the contestant with the most money won in their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant with the most money won in any go-round will break the tie. If a tie still exists the highest score or fastest time in any of the first eight go-rounds will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant having the highest total score or fastest total time from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists, the judges will draw from the contestants so tied to determine which one will compete in the Showdown.

If there are fewer than four (4) qualified rides or runs in any event, only those contestants with a qualified ride or run in the Semi-Finals will advance to the Showdown.

If all ten (10) contestants fail to make a qualified ride or run in any event in the Semi-Finals – the top two (2) from the money standings of Pool A and the top two (2) from the money standings of Pool B will advance. Should there be a tie for the second position – the contestant with the most money won in any go-round will break the tie. If a tie still exists the highest score or fastest time in any of the first eight go-rounds will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant having the highest total score or fastest total time from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists, the judges will draw from the contestants so tied to determine which one will compete in the Showdown.

The Calgary Stampede Champion will be the contestant with the highest score or fastest time in that event in the Showdown round. If a tie exists, for the Champion position, contestants so tied will compete on a maximum of two (2) additional head of stock or runs to break the tie. If a tie still exists – contestants so tied will be declared Co-Champions, will split the places money evenly and each will receive a trophy bronze.

The Ladies Barrel Race Showdown round will be timed to the 1/1000th of a second. If a tie exists in the Showdown round the tie will be broken by the fastest time from the semi-final round. If a tie still exists the tie will be broken as per the tie-breakers outlined in the Calgary Stampede Ground rules.

If there are no qualified rides or runs in the Showdown round of an event each contestant will compete once more in the tie-breaker round.

In roughstock events: Contestants will be timed in this (tie-breaker) round. If all contestants again fail to qualify, the winner will be the contestant with the highest score from the Semi-Finals. If a tie exists from the Semi-Finals, the contestant riding the longest in the tie-breaker will

be declared the Champion. If a tie still exists, contestants so tied will be declared Co-Champions, will split the places money, and each will receive a trophy bronze.

In timed events, if all contestants fail to qualify in this (tie-breaker) round, the winner will be the contestant with the fastest time from the Semi-Finals. If a tie exists from the Semi-Finals, contestants so tied will be declared Co-Champions, will split the places money and each will receive a trophy bronze.

All contestants will be ranked from 1 – 10 on the day for payouts.

4) PAYOUTS – MAJOR EVENTS

Total Purse is \$2,000,000.00 (Canadian Funds) - there are no entry fees.

Days 1 – 8 Go-rounds \$17,500 per event per day

1 st - \$5,500	3 rd - \$3,500	5 th - \$1,500
2 nd - \$4,500	4 th - \$2,500	

Day 9 Wild Card Saturday - \$21,000 per event

1 st - \$6,000	4 th - \$3,000
2 nd - \$5,000	5 th - \$2,000
3 rd - \$4,000	6 th - \$1,000

Day 10 Semi-Finals and Showdown - \$1,018,800 - \$169,800 per event

All contestants competing on Showdown Sunday will earn a cheque, there will be no ground splits.

1 st	\$100,000 (Showdown)
2 nd	\$25,000 (Showdown)
3 rd	\$15,000 (Showdown)
4 th	\$10,000 (Showdown)
5 th - 10 th	\$3,300 (Semi-Finals)

Any contestants tied for money places will evenly split the place monies so tied.

As a WPRA approved barrel race, monies earned at the 2017 Calgary Stampede will count in the World standings as follows:

Days 1 – 9 all monies earned at the Calgary Stampede will count in the World standings.

Day 10 - \$50,000 of the \$100,000 bonus will count in the World Standings. All other monies earned on Day 10 will count in the World Standings.

The Calgary Stampede will produce the rodeo payoff on July 18th. **All prize money will be paid by direct deposit. This will require a direct deposit form to be filled out and emailed to the Rodeo Office prior to June 30.**

Any fines assessed to a contestant must be paid to the Rodeo Office prior to competing in the next round. Failure to pay the fine before the next round will make the contestant ineligible from competing in the remainder of the 2017 Rodeo.

5) EVENT RULES

In the event of a conflict, the 2017 Contestant Agreement will prevail over all rules. The governing rules of the events will be the 2017 CPRA Rule Book, the 2017 Ground Rules of the Calgary Stampede Rodeo, the 2017 Performance Rules of the Calgary Stampede Rodeo and the 2017 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice. As to the barrel race, the 2017 Calgary Stampede Ground Rules of the Calgary Stampede, the 2017 Performance Rules of the Calgary Stampede, the 2017 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice and the 2017 WPRA Rule

Book will apply. Contestants in the 2017 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Race must be WPRA card members in good standing at the time of entry.

All competitors will ensure their participation and the participation of any and all individuals associated with them are familiar with the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice.

Stampede Officials shall in their absolute discretion have the right at any time to add a Rule or Rules in order to clarify or address a circumstance or action not previously outlined or contemplated in the existing Calgary Stampede Rodeo Ground Rules.

The following Arena Rules will also apply:

- 1) The "Arena" includes the Rodeo Arena proper, the Bucking chutes, contestant walkway and the Timed-Event chutes.
- 2) Contestants should be aware that Calgary Stampede Rodeo is a family event. Contestants will perform in a manner that is suitable for a family audience. Contestants will be mindful that the Rodeo Arena is covered by video cameras and microphones, with screens and monitors projecting the rodeo throughout the Rodeo Arena and grandstands.
- 3) The Arena Director will have final say in the arena on all matters related to production and procedure.
- 4) Contestants will be supplied with Back Numbers specific to each event. Contestants must wear their assigned back number for each event – trading back numbers is NOT allowed. A contestant will be fined \$250.00 for not wearing their back number or for wearing the wrong back number. Back numbers must be worn at all times in the ARENA as described above.
- 5) The ARENA and Infield facilities are Non-Smoking.
- 6) A random draw will determine the order for Timed Event contestants for Day 1 for Pool A, Day 1 of Pool B, Wild Card Saturday and the Semi-Finals. Day 1 contestants in Pool A and Pool B will compete 1 through 10. Day 2 contestants will compete 10 through 1 as originally drawn. Day 3 contestants will compete 5 through 1, followed by 10 through 6 as originally drawn. Day 4 contestants will compete 6 through 10 followed by 1 through 5 as originally drawn.
- 7) The Showdown contestants will ride/run in the Showdown round from lowest score to highest score in SB, BB & BR and from longest time to fastest time in TDR, SW & LBR based on the Semi-Finals scores/times.

The following Roughstock Rules will also apply:

- 1) Contestants must be ready when called. "Ready when called" is defined as: Bareback – Contestant must be over the horse when previous horse leaves the arena. Saddle Bronc – Contestant must have horse cinched (front & rear) with rein measured, and be in the chute, mounting the horse when the previous horse leaves the arena. Bull Riding – Contestant must be pulling rope when the previous bull leaves the arena. Contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or chute boss. A verbal warning will be provided 15 seconds prior to expiration of the time limit.
If a Bareback or Saddle Bronc contestant exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure or animal problems, he will receive a penalty of 1 point per every 5 seconds (or portion of) over the 45-second limit. If a Bull Riding contestant exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure or animal problems he will be fined \$250 for a first offense. The fine doubles with each subsequent offense.

Continued delay in taking stock can result in disqualification as per the CPRA Rule Book.

- 2) Stock will be drawn July 6 at 1:00 p.m. for the first round of Pool A. All other Stock draws will be conducted immediately following the performance for the next day's round. All stock draws will be done by the designated OFFICIALS and the SECRETARY in the RODEO OFFICE. The first round draw of each Pool will be a double random draw of both the contestant and the stock. Each subsequent draw will be a stock draw based on money won in the previous round by each contestant followed by scores earned by contestants in that round, followed by non-qualified rides in order of appearance on the day sheet in that round.
- 3) If a drawn animal is turned out for any reason, that animal will become the first reride.
- 4) The contestants and OFFICIALS will draw Showdown animals on stage at the conclusion of the Semi-Finals. Contestants will draw in order of Semi-Finals scores (highest to lowest)
- 5) Rerides, spares and tiebreaker order will be pre-set.

6) Contestants will not be disqualified for failing to spur-out a horse. The judges will have the discretion to deduct points for failing to spur-out a horse.

All Events: The penalty for unnecessary roughness to any animal will be a \$500.00 fine for the 1st offence, a \$1,000.00 fine for the 2nd offence, a 3rd offence will result in disqualification from the rodeo.

The following Timed Event Rules will also apply:

Important Tie-Down Roping Rules:

The six second rule will not be in effect. Once time is called and the contestant has taken one step towards his horse and maintains a forward motion towards his horse, a three second time will start. The calf must remain tied during this three second time period. To clarify, a legal tie must consist of three legs crossed, at least one wrap around all three legs and a hooley.

Contestant causing a drag will result in a \$500 fine and a no time.

Jerk down rule: If a calf is jerked off all four feet and its body touches the ground prior to the roper reaching the calf, the roper will be disqualified from that go-round.

Legal catch: Any catch, other than a clean head catch, will result in the roper being disqualified from that go-round.

Obvious injury: If a calf, in the judge's discretion, exhibits an obvious injury during competition, the contestant will be flagged out and receive either a re-run or if in the judge's discretion, the injury was caused by the contestant, a no time.

Important Steer Wrestling Rules:

The steer must not be knocked down or thrown before it is brought to a stop and the catch is made.

An automatic no time will be given to a contestant if a steer "dog falls".

If a steer "dog falls", the contestant must release the steer immediately and assist the animal in recovering from the fall by turning the steer's head so it may stand up. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification from competition

Obvious injury: If a steer, in the judge's discretion, exhibits an obvious injury during competition, the contestant will be flagged out and receive either a re-run or if in the judge's discretion, the injury was caused by the contestant, a no time.

- 1) Tie-Down Roping contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designate. A verbal warning will be provided 15 seconds prior to expiration of the time limit. If the contestant exceeds the limit, except in the case of mechanical failure or animal problems, he will receive a penalty of 1/10 of a second for every 5 seconds (or portion of) over the 45 second limit. Continued delay in taking stock can result in disqualification as per the CPRA Rule Book.
- 2) Steer Wrestling contestants must take their stock within 60 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designate. All clear will be given as the previous steer leaves the arena. A verbal warning will be provided 15 seconds prior to expiration of the time limit. If the contestant exceeds the limit, except in the case of mechanical failure or animal problems, he will receive a penalty of 1/10 of a second for every 5 seconds (or portion of) over the 60 second limit. Continued delay in taking stock can result in disqualification as per the CPRA Rule Book.
- 3) Ladies Barrel racers must begin their run within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designate. A verbal warning will be provided 15 seconds prior to expiration of the time limit. If the contestant exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure, she will receive a penalty of 1/10 of a second for every 5 seconds (or portion of) over the 45-second limit.

- 4) The pens of TDR and SW cattle for Showdown Sunday will be pre-set by designated OFFICIALS. Separate pens for the Semi-Finals (minimum of 12) and Showdown will be set.
- 5) In the Showdown a minimum of eight (8) TDR and SW animals will be set in drawn order of rotation of use in case of ties.
- 6) In the case of a tie in the Showdown – Contestants so tied will compete on the pre-set animals, as set by designated OFFICIALS, in reverse order that they competed in the Showdown.

All other rules will be enforced as per the 2017 CPRA rulebook.