

## **WPRA 101**

If you watched the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo and the barrel racing has you excited about joining the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to give you a chance to compete at that level, here is the information you will need!

### **Q: How do I join?**

**A:** First of all, you will need to obtain and complete the membership application from the WPRA. There are several ways to get the application with fax and online being easiest for everyone. You can access the application online <http://www.wpra.com/membership.asp> and even fill it out and submit it right there without printing a thing! You will find all of the information and the application at [www.wpra.com](http://www.wpra.com). At the top of the home page you will see in red "Membership – Join and Renew. Click here. [www.wpra.com/membership.asp](http://www.wpra.com/membership.asp) From there you can choose which application you desire. After you complete your application just click on the green area at the top that says "Email your application" or "Print," whichever method you choose is fine. Make sure that you call the office the next business day after you e-mail or fax your application in to confirm that it was received and being processed.

### **Q: What is the difference between a "Card" and "Permit?"**

**A:** Every member starts out as a "Permit Holder." So, if this is your first experience with the WPRA, you will need to purchase your permit. After you win \$1,000 on your permit, you will be eligible to purchase your card. There are certain rodeos that only accept card holders and you will see this information listed in the rodeo listings. You should note though that the majority of rodeos accept Cards and Permits. There are plenty of choices of rodeos when you are a permit holder! There are more rules regarding when you buy your card and how much money you can win on your permit but to get you started, this is what you will need to know.

### **Q: Where do I find the rodeos that are WPRA approved?**

**A:** Again, in the spirit of offering choice, you can find all the approval information online at [www.wpra.com](http://www.wpra.com) or you can look in the WPRA official publication. We encourage you to take full advantage of the website as it has the most up-to-date information.

### **Q: Once I have my permit number, how do I enter a rodeo?**

**A:** The WPRA utilizes a system called PROCOM. The telephone number for PROCOM is 1.800.234.7722. You will want to make sure you have this number written down or saved in your phone as it is the only way to enter.

### **Q: How do I fill my permit?**

**A:** Again, there are choices as to how you go about filling your permit. All rodeo money won at PRCA/WPRA approved events counts toward the \$1,000 you will need to win to fill your

permit. You can also go to Divisional Circuit Co-approval jackpots with any money won in the 1D counting toward your permit. You also should note that there is not a time limit on filling your permit. If you win \$450 the first year you have your permit, \$0 the second, and \$550 the third – your permit is then filled. You do not have to win the entire \$1,000 in one year.

**Q: I don't understand the rodeo listing information. Can I enter when I get to the rodeo?**

**A:** Each rodeo has several bits of information in the listing. This information can be found in the Women's Professional Rodeo magazine or online at [www.wpra.com](http://www.wpra.com). You **MUST** call Procom between the time entries open and entries close to enter a rodeo. You will find the Entries Open date and time by looking at the listing and finding EO: The same is true for the entries closing date and time which can be found in the listing under EC. You also should note the **MEMBER DUES DATE!** This is very important. You cannot purchase your card the same day you want to enter a rodeo. The office will need two to three business days to process your information. So, take note of the Member Dues Date so that you don't miss a rodeo you would like to attend because you didn't have your membership purchased.

**Q: What do I need when I call Procom?**

**A:** You will need several bits of information when you place a call to Procom: 1. Your card number; 2. The rodeo city you want to enter; 3. Your preference as to when you want to compete; 4. A paper and pen to write down your confirmation number. You should note that these calls are recorded and as a member of the WPRA we expect that you will be kind to the operators. They can be a very helpful tool to you if you ask questions. It is not their fault if you get up at a rodeo wrong, they are simply doing their job and providing you with information. These tapes are available to correct mistakes or disputes and if you are unprofessional or rude to the operators, it is not only embarrassing but could result in a rule violation.

**Q: When do I call Procom?**

**A:** You can call Procom to gather information before making your decision on how to enter – such as finding out what the valid preferences are, how many are entered, what they are asking for, etc.. You call Procom to enter the rodeo, and then again when you call back to find out when you drew up. Each time you call you should get a confirmation number, write it down, and **KEEP IT!**

**Q: What do I need a confirmation number for?**

**A:** This is a very important piece of information that you will want to keep until you compete at the rodeo. You will get one confirmation number when you enter and then another when you call back to see when you are up. If there is a discrepancy regarding any of the information, you **MUST** have this number.

**Q: What if I have more questions?**

**A:** We encourage you to call your circuit director. They are very useful and generally have years of experience in rodeo. You can find your director's information at [www.wpra.com/board.asp](http://www.wpra.com/board.asp).