

2011 WPRA GROUND RULES-Barrels

WRANGLER MILLION DOLLAR TOUR JUSTIN BOOTS PLAYOFFS:

PUYALLUP, WA

September 9-11, 2011

1. QUALIFIERS

- A. By entering to compete in the 2011 Wrangler Million Dollar Tour: Justin Boots Playoffs ("PLAYOFFS") to be held in Puyallup, WA, September 9-11, 2011, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these Ground Rules, the PLAYOFFS Patch Sponsorship Rules Addendum and all other Addenda and Exhibits to these Ground Rules, the WPRA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules, and any other applicable rules, **including all releases of liability set forth in those documents.**
- B. Twenty-four qualifiers in the barrel race for the PLAYOFFS shall be the top 24 contestants in the official 2011 Wrangler Million Dollar Tour Standings. Each person who qualifies and confirms her intent to compete must also complete and sign the "WPRA Release and Waiver (Contained in Exhibit A) and this document must be received by the Rodeo Secretary prior to the first scheduled competition in order to be eligible to compete.
- C. Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s), only 24 will qualify, and the tie will be broken in favor of those with the highest total money won at WPRA-sanctioned rodeos during the 2011 Rodeo Year at WPRA-sanctioned rodeos which end on or before **September 5, 2011.**
- D. Rankings coming into the PLAYOFF will be from highest to lowest per the official 2011 Wrangler Million Dollar Tour Standings.
- E. **Competition Confirmation.** Contestants must confirm intent to compete by calling **PROCOM from 10:00 AM (Mountain Time) Tuesday, September 6, 2011 to 10:00 AM (Mountain Time) Wednesday, September 7, 2011.** Contestant must be Financially Eligible and Competition Eligible at time of entry closing.
- F. Contestants not confirmed by 10:00 AM (Mountain Time) Wednesday, September 7, 2011 will be fined \$100.

2. CONTESTANT INFORMATION

- A. Livestock Stalls for all contestants will be available beginning Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Contestants are not to put up pens in contestant camping/parking lot.
- B. Two tour patches will be distributed at the time of check-in and must be worn at all times in the arena. Only one contestant and one companion allowed gate access.
- C. Event winners must stay for the awards presentation directly after the performance
- D. Contestants will not be permitted to wander on horseback through the fairgrounds. Contestants will be required to follow the contestant shuttle to and from the arena. Maps of the Shuttle route will be available in the contestant parking area and the Rodeo Secretary's office.

3. GENERAL

- A. **Official Rodeo.** Per Rule 10.4.1.8 of the WPRA Rulebook, the PLAYOFFS will be as an "Official Entry" rodeo

unless contestant designates it as an "Unofficial Entry Rodeo" at time of entry.

- B. **Prize Money to Count Toward pro rodeo Standings.** All prize money earned at the PLAYOFFS will count as accordance with rule 14.1 of the WPRA Rulebook, and will be applied to 2011 pro rodeo standings, unless contestant designated the PLAYOFFS as an "Unofficial Entry Rodeo" at time of entry.
- C. **No Circuit Points.** Dollars won at the PLAYOFFS will **not** count toward Columbia River Circuit standings.
- D. **Trades.** Contestants will be able to trade their first go-round (which will automatically trade their second) at Puyallup, WA among the contestants entered in Puyallup, WA. The trade deadline for 1st go-round trades will be Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 5:00 pm Mountain Time. All trades must be made through PROCOM.
- E. **Conflicts.**
 1. Any PLAYOFFS contestant, who has qualified for the final round and is scheduled to compete at another rodeo adding \$3,000 or more on the same day as the last performance of the PLAYOFFS, will be moved, if possible, at the second rodeo in accordance with procedures outlined in Rule 10.6.2 of the WPRA Rulebook.
 2. If a contestant qualifies for Puyallup and is already placed in a conflicting position at another rodeo, he can be drawn out of the conflicting rodeo as long as he notifies PROCOM by the turn out deadline of that rodeo. If a contestant qualifies for the finals at Puyallup, he can be moved at the conflicting rodeo to the next available positions or be drawn out (if there are not available positions) as long as he notifies PROCOM by the turn out deadline for that rodeo.
- F. **Releases.** Valid releases will be accepted. Should it be necessary to release contestants are to follow procedures outlined in Chapter 10 of the WPRA Rulebook. Failure to follow those procedures will result in fines pursuant to Section 4.B of these Ground Rules. A contestant using the release procedure shall also be subject to the ineligibility periods as set forth in the WPRA Rule Book.
- G. **Determination of Event Champions/Event Winners.** The Event Champion will be that person who wins the Finals on Sunday, September 11, 2011. In case of a tie in the Finals, the Event Champion will be determined based on the fastest time in the prior go round. If still tied, the Event Champion will be determined based on the best average following two full go-rounds. If still tied, the Event Champion will be determined based on the tie-breaker outlined in Section 6.C.1 of these Ground Rules.
- H. **Victory Lap.** The event winner for each performance must be prepared to take a victory lap following her event. In addition, immediately following the last bull rider all event winners for each performance are to be prepared to walk to a predestinated location (set by Production Manager) for introduction. Every contestant, except event winners, must be present for a group introduction immediately following the last bull rider.
- I. **Patch Sponsorships.** See Exhibit A and WPRA Rule # 19.1.1.
- J. **Back Numbers.** Each contestant will be furnished with a PLAYOFFS back number, which must be worn and displayed in its entirety at all times when in the Competition Arena, as defined in item 3.H above. If a contestant has an existing patch sponsorship involving the cantle/yoke of the shirt, then that contestant may wear the PLAYOFFS 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 PLAYOFFS back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the PLAYOFFS back number in its entirety as outlined above will result in a fine of \$1000 for the first offense, \$2000 for the second offense, \$4000 for the third offense, and disqualification from the PLAYOFFS for the fourth and subsequent offense. A contestant may be fined without warning and may be subject to immediate disqualification.
- K. **Honest effort.** All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by a unanimous vote of all Officials 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 \$500.00. For purposes of this ground rule, whether a contestant gives an honest effort will be determined as follows:

- L. Any contestant using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, will be fined in accordance with the WPRA Rulebook, Conduct Detrimental to Public Image and will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$1,000, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.

4. TURN OUT OR RELEASE SUBSTITUTIONS PRIOR TO COMPETITION

- A. Substitutions for the first and second performances will **ONLY** be made up until the start of the first performance. Substitutions for the third and fourth performances will **ONLY** be made up until the start of the third performance. Substitutions will be made from those individuals with the highest ranking in the 2011 Wrangler Million Dollar Tour Standings in The Barrel Race that entered Puyallup, WA. Substitutions will be taken through PROCOM.
- B. Once confirmation of intent to compete has been made, the following turn out fines will apply:

Notified turn out prior to 5:00 PM September 8	\$ 1,000.00
Notified turn out prior to 11:00 AM September 9	\$ 2,000.00
Non-notified turn out	\$ 3,000.00

Notification of turn outs must be called into PROCOM during their regular business hours. All turn-out deadline times are Mountain Time.

5. TURN OUT OR RELEASE AFTER START OF COMPETITION.

- A. Contestants must compete in the first go-round in order to continue participating in the PLAYOFFS.
- B. If injured at the PLAYOFFS, a contestant may (with valid letter from the official PLAYOFFS medical staff) not compete in any given performance, and return to competition the following performance. Notification must be given to the Rodeo Secretary prior to the start of the performance.
- C. A non-valid turn out after competing at the PLAYOFFS will result in disqualification, loss of monies won and a \$3,000 fine.

6. FORMAT

- A. PLAYOFFS will be two go-rounds, back to back with the last performance on Sunday, September 11, 2011, consisting of a finals. Contestants ranked 1-12 in the 2011 Tour Standings will compete in performances 3 and 4. Contestants ranked 13-24 will compete in performances 1 and 2.
- B. Advancement to the finals will be as follows:

Advancement to the finals: The top four contestants following the 2nd round will advance to the finals. No times from the previous go-rounds will be carried forward to the finals (except for purposes of breaking ties, as described below). The four contestants advancing to the finals will be ranked 1 to 4 according to the fastest times from the first two go-rounds, with the fastest time ranked #1. The draw order will be reverse of rankings, where the #1 rank will compete last and the #4 rank will compete first. Tie breakers as outlined below, will apply to the qualification for the finals and to the ranking of the finalists.

Tiebreakers:

(2) **For advancement to the finals:** Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s) for the finals based on the fastest time or highest score in a single go-round, ties will be broken as follows:

- (a) Average following two full go-rounds. If still tied, then
- (b) Fastest time in a single go-round. If still tied, then
- (c) Second fastest time in a single go-round. If still tied then
- (d) Ranking coming into Playoffs (see 1.E)
- (e) If still tied, refer to paragraph 1.D

C. Should any one or more of the qualifiers for the finals be injured and unable to compete, the next highest qualifier will advance.

7. PAYOFF

A. For the full go-rounds should there be fewer times than the number of places to be paid, the payoff, eligibility for Championship Points, etc. shall be handled according to rule 10.9 in the WPRA Rule Book.

B. For the finals, if fewer than the numbers of places to be paid qualify in the payoff; the tie breaking procedure as outlined in 6.C of these Ground Rules will be used for remaining places. In the event of a tie (involving a qualified score or time) in the finals, the payoff for the corresponding places will be split between the contestants who tie, even though a tie may be broken to determine the contestant who advances to the next round, wins the Event Championship, etc. If no one qualifies in a go-round or finals.

C. There will no average payoff.

D. Payoff, for each of the full go-rounds:

1st	\$2,000
2nd	\$1,500
3rd	\$1,000
4th	\$500

E. Payoff, for the finals:

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

8. COMPETITION ORDER AND DRAW ORDER

A. Top 12 in the Official Tour Standings will run in the last two performances and the bottom 12 competing in the first two performances. The Finals will be Random Draw.

B. Tie breakers for competition and drawing order: Refer to corresponding tiebreakers as outlined in item 6. of these ground rules.

9. Miscellaneous

A. Contestants are to park in designated camping/parking area. Please visit www.puyalluprodeo.com for directions to the contestant camping/parking area. The Puyallup Pro Rodeo provides stalls for contestants use; contestants are not to put up pens in contestant camping/parking lot. Only actual contestant and one companion allowed gate access. Contestants with horses are to parade across from the camping/parking lot through the livestock gate on the fairgrounds to the arena in the main grandstand 1 hour prior to the start of the rodeo perf. Rodeo committee requests that contestants ride together in groups and follow the contestant shuttle, for safety no single riders. Contestants with horses are to stay on the designated contestant shuttle route to the arena and not wonder on fairgrounds. Route is marked with signage (maps available in contestant parking lot and from Rodeo Secretary). Rodeo Committee has clean-up crew scheduled for designated route. The Committee is requesting contestants to remain at arena following performances on Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon to sign autographs in the arena.

EXHIBIT A - 2011 JUSTIN BOOTS PLAYOFFS: PUYALLUP, WA GROUND RULES

ADDENDUM TO GROUND RULES WPRA BARREL RACING

2011 Justin Boots Playoffs, Puyallup, WA

The terms and conditions set forth in this Addendum shall be incorporated into and be considered part of the 2011 Justin Boots Playoffs, Puyallup, WA Ground Rules, Puyallup, Washington September 9-11, 2011, and shall be applicable only to the WPRA barrel racing event:

1. Each WPRA participant, upon confirmation of participation in the 2011 Justin Boots Playoffs Puyallup, WA, agrees:

(a) That no WPRA member who enters the Competition Arena may wear or display any garment, tack or gear advertising a commercial business, product or service in conflict with PRCA exclusive sponsors (Wrangler and Justin).

(b) To the filming, taping, photographing, televising or broadcasting or reproduction in any manner or form of the 2011 Justin Boots Playoffs, Puyallup, WA and that PRCA shall be the owner of all rights in and to her appearance or other involvement in the 2011 Justin Boots Playoffs, Puyallup, WA.

(c) 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 2011 Justin Boots Playoffs, Puyallup, WA in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the 2011 Justin Boots Playoffs, Puyallup, WA 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.

2. In consideration of participation in the 2011 Justin Boots Playoffs, Puyallup, WA, 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 WPRA Bylaw section 1.3.2. and venue provision for any lawsuit contained in WPRA Bylaw section 1.4.1.

3. Upon confirmation of participation, each WPRA participant agrees not to engage in conduct, which is detrimental to the public image, reputation or well-being of the WPRA, PRCA, the 2011 Justin Boots Playoffs, Puyallup, WA or the sport of professional rodeo.

4. WPRA members must have their 2011 WPRA membership paid in full no later than 5:00 PM (MT), Wednesday, August 31, 2011.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the 2011 Justin Boots Playoffs, Puyallup, WA, I acknowledge that I have read this Exhibit A and agree to be bound by all provisions set forth therein, including without limitation the releases of liability.

Date: _____

By: _____
Signature

Card Number: _____

Printed Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code