

2011 DNCFR GROUND RULES

Oklahoma City, CO 3/31/11-4/3/11

I. CONFIRMATION:

- A. Circuit Presidents must confirm entries by calling **PROCOM (1-800-234-7722)** between 11:00 a.m. MT on March 10th and 11:00 a.m. MT on March 11th, 2011.
- B. DNCFR Contestants, in order to be eligible, must have their 2011 WPRA membership paid in full no later than **5:00 PM MT, Friday, March 7th, 2011.**
- C. Entries for the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo will be taken from each of the twelve (12) WPRA geographical circuits. The Year-End Event Champion and the Circuit Finals Rodeo Average Champion have the opportunity to advance to the DNCFR. If the Year-End Event Champion and Circuit Finals Rodeo Average Champion is the same individual, the second qualifier will be determined by the highest ranked eligible (by the Dollar-Won and the Required Participation Rodeo Rule) year-end contestant in that event, in that Circuit, who entered his/her respective Circuit Finals Rodeo in that event. Should either of the qualifying contestants (per event) in a Circuit decide not to, or be ineligible to, advance to DNCFR, the advancement opportunity will be passed onto the next highest ranked eligible (by the Dollar-Won and the Required Participation Rodeo Rule) year-end contestant in that event, in that Circuit, who entered his/her respective Circuit Finals Rodeo in that event. In the event that there is a tie in the average, and one of the contestants is also the year-end champion, that contestant will advance as the year-end champion. The remaining contestant that tied for the average will advance as the average champion.
- D. Contestant Entry fees will be \$550. WPRA Contestant Entry Fees will be paid by WPRA Administration.
- E. Contestants will be permitted to trade positions at the DNCFR with the contestant from the same circuit, **within the same event, and only if agreed upon by both contestants. No other changes, substitutions or parameters will be accepted when making an official entry for the DNCFR. Position changes must be made by notifying Procom prior to 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2011.** You will receive a confirmation number for that position trade. When making a trade, a contestant will only be allowed ONE (1) trade and that trade will include both go-rounds. No on-site or 2nd go-round only trades will be allowed.
- F. WPRA members competing at the DNCFR will abide by all By-Laws and Rules of the WPRA.

II. FORMAT:

- A.** The DNCFR format shall include two go-rounds, semi-final (Top 8), and final (Top 4) rounds. All DNCFR contestants will compete in both go-rounds. Eight contestants with the highest total scores and fastest total times from rounds previous to the Finals in each contest event shall compete in the semi-finals/finals. The top eight contestants in each event placing in the average will advance to the Semi Finals. The top four contestants in each event in the Semi Finals shall advance to the Finals. In the Finals the four contestants with the highest scores or fastest times in each event will compete for placing and the DNCFR Championship. Contestants advancing to the Semi Finals and the Finals will not carry forward scores or times. Average scores will not be calculated in the semi-finals/final rounds. Scores for advancement in the semi-final round shall be determined on a single head of stock, unless not enough qualifiers, then revert to tie breaker. In the semi-finals/finals, where a contestant is disqualified, injured **or turns out for any reason**, the next highest score or fastest time will then advance. Where a tie occurs, advancement to and within the semi-finals / finals will be determined as follows:

AVERAGE SPLITS TIE BREAKER (advancement and awards): Highest total score or fastest time in any go-round. If still tied, advance all ties.

GO ROUND SPLITS:

SEMI-FINALS TIE BREAKER: Highest total score or fastest total time in the average. If still tied use the highest total score or fastest time in any go-round. If still tied, advance all ties.

FINALS TIE BREAKER: Highest score or fastest time in the semi finals. If still tied, use semi-finals tie breaker. If still tied, use the highest total score or fastest time in any go-round. If still tied, advance all ties.

III. PAYOFF

- A.** Sixty percent of the total prize money will be paid in the first two go-rounds and average. The remaining 40% will be paid in the Semi-Final and Final performance. There will be six places in each go-round and average (split 33%, 25%, 18%, 12%, 7%, 5%); There will be four places paid in the Semi-Finals and Finals (split 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10%). 20% of the total payoff goes into each category.

1st Go	20% - Pays 6 places
2nd Go	20% - Pays 6 Places
Average	20% - Pays 6 Places
Semi-Finals	20% - Pays 4 Places
Finals	20% - Pays 4 Places

- B. In the Top 8 Round Semi Final and Top 4 Final performances, if fewer than the number of places to be paid qualify in the payoff, the tie breaking procedure will be used for remaining places. If no one qualifies, the money will be divided evenly among all who competed; this money shall be considered **ground money** and will **not** be posted as money won.

IV. SUBSTITUTIONS and DRAWING OUT:

- A. If for any reason (including a vaild release) a contestant is unable to compete, the next qualified contestant in that WPRA Circuit standings will be substituted. Substitutions will not be allowed after the first go-round is completed. Substitutions will be handled as outlined under "TURN OUTS".

V. TURN OUTS:

- A. Contestant who enters the DNCFR and fails to compete in any go-round will be **fined \$250**. Fine may be waived only if contestant notifies **PROCOM** 72 hours prior to the first performance and a substitute entry is found or contestant is injured in a previous go-round at the DNCFR. **If substitute entry is not found, contestant is responsible for the \$550 entry fee and \$250 fine.**
- B. Should there be a notified turnout in the semi-finals, the next qualified contestant will be eligible to advance into the semi-finals.

VI. CONTESTING POSITIONS:

- A. **First go-round:** In order to provide the opportunity for the Circuits to have equal representation at each performance, a separation of contestants from every circuit, by performance, has been established.

One entry from each circuit in every event will compete during the first four performances. PROCOM shall cause the selection of the entry to be made using a format similar to a flip of a coin to decide which contestant of the two qualifiers in an event will compete in the first and fourth or second and third performances. A random draw will be completed as to the order of contestants in each performance in all events.

- B. **Second go-round:** Reversed from first go-round.
- C. **Top 8 Semi Final Round:** If not enough contestants qualify for the average, revert to the tie breaker procedure for qualifiers. The WPRA barrel racing competition order for the Semi Final Round will be a random draw.
- D. **Top 4 Final Round:** If not enough contestants qualify, revert to the tie breaker procedure for qualifiers. The WPRA barrel racing competition order for the Final Round will be a random draw.

VII. BARREL RACING:

A. General:

1. WPRA contestants will be furnished a stall by the WPRA, for the horse they will be using in rodeo competition. If you are bringing other horses, there will be other stalls available at check in only. You are not required to purchase shavings, but if you would like shavings and feed are available at the Fairgrounds General Store.
2. Any contestant who circles in the arena after being allowed to enter for competition will be **fined \$100, with that fine progressively doubling.**
3. Any contestant warming up horse in unauthorized area will be **fined \$100. The DNCFR will be providing an authorized warm up area. Be sure to ask about it at check in.**
4. WPRA Bylaw 1.3.2: WPRA members acknowledge that rodeos are dangerous activities and that 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, 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, suite 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.
5. See Exhibit A- 2011 DNCFR Ground Rules Addendum to Ground Rules

B. Barrel Racing

1. Barrel racers will be scheduled one practice time to ride with barrels set on stakes. The practice time is scheduled for Thursday, March 31 8:00am-9:00am only.

VII. AWARDS:

- A. The DNCFR Event Champion is the Top 4 Round Event Champion and will be the recipient of the DNCFR championship buckle.

- B. At the conclusion of each event during the Top 4 Round, the event champion must take a victory lap. During the victory lap, the contestant will receive their champion buckle and have photos taken.
- C. In case of a tie for the DNCFR champion, tiebreaker as outlined under "Go Round Splits" will be used to determine DNCFR Event Champion.
- D. The DNCFR Champion Circuit title will be awarded to the high money-winning Circuit. In case of a tie, co-circuit champions will be acknowledged on the trophy and monies awarded will be split among circuit champions.

X. REPORTING TIME:

- A. **Every contestant must report to the DNCFR secretary on Thursday, March 31 at 11:00am at arena. There will only be one check in.**
- B. Any contestant missing this deadline may receive a cash fine of **\$100**, however, if any contestant willfully or purposely missed the deadline, contestant may be disqualified from DNCFR competition by action of the DNCFR Committee.
- C. Orientation meeting on Thursday March 31 at 11:30am at the arena. It follows your check in. Attendance at orientation is required to receive your contestant jacket. In addition contestants will be required to be in full rodeo dress code for pictures.

XI. CONTESTANT NUMBERS:

- A. Contestants must wear numbers on their back at all times while competing. Contestant failing to wear his/her number while competing will be **fined \$100**.

XIII. AUTOGRAPH SESSION:

- A. Autograph schedule/sessions will be provided prior to your arrival. **Failure to attend an assigned autograph session will result in a \$100 fine.**

XIV. PASSES:

- A. Each contestant, stock contracting company, and contract person will be given one ticket for each performance. They can be exchanged among contestants themselves, but not at the box office. Membership cards or companion passes will not be accepted for admittance.

XV. PARKING:

- A. There will be separate parking area for DNCFR contestants and personnel. Each contestant, stock contracting firm, and contract personnel will receive 1 parking pass. Additional passes, or replacement of lost passes, can be purchased at the cost of \$5 per pass.

XVI. DNCFR OFFICES:

- A.** The DNCFR production office is located at the State Fair Arena.
- B.** All operations (rodeo secretary, media, and general manager's offices) will be coordinated together.

EXHIBIT A - 2011 DNCFR GROUND RULES

ADDENDUM TO GROUND RULES WPRA BARREL RACING

2011 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo

The terms and conditions set forth in this Addendum shall be incorporated into and be considered part of the 2011 DNCFR Ground Rules Oklahoma City, OK, March 31, 2011 of the 2011 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo ("DNCFR") and shall be applicable only to the WPRA barrel racing event:

1. Each WPRA participant, upon confirmation of participation in the 2011 DNCFR, 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 or DNCFR event sponsors (Wrangler, Justin, and Dodge).

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

(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 DNCFR in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the 2011 DNCFR 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 DNCFR, 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 DNCFR 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), Monday, March 7, 2011.

5. WPRA Administration will pay the following: contestant entry fees, one stall, one jacket, and one back number.

6. The payoff for the WPRA event will be the same as for the PRCA events.

7. If for any reason (including a valid release) a WPRA contestant is unable to compete, the next qualified contestant in that WPRA circuit season standings in that event will be substituted. Substitutions will not be allowed after the first go-round is completed. Substitutions will be handled as outlined under "TURN OUTS" (V.B.) of the official DNCFR Ground Rules.

8. In the Top 8 Semi Final Round, the WPRA barrel racing competition order for the Semi Final round will be a random draw.

9. The barrel racers will be scheduled one practice time to ride with barrels set on stakes. This is the only riding time available to ride with the barrels set, no exceptions. Please see event schedule for assigned barrel practice time.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the 2011 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo, 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

Please retain this page for your records.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the 2011 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo, 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

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Please sign and return this page during contestant check in.