

2012 GROUND RULES

JUSTIN BOOTS CHAMPIONSHIPS: OMAHA, NE

1. QUALIFIERS

- A. By entering to compete in the 2012 Justin Boots Championships (“CHAMPIONSHIPS”) to be held in Omaha, Nebraska September 27-29, 2012, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these ground rules, the CHAMPIONSHIPS Patch Sponsorship Rules Addendum and all other Addenda and Exhibits to these Ground Rules, the PRCA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules, and for barrel racers, the WPRA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules, and any other applicable rules, **including all releases of liability set forth in those documents**. In addition, All CHAMPIONSHIPS contestants will be required to sign a CHAMPIONSHIPS specific liability waiver prior to receiving their contestant back number.
- B. Twelve qualifiers (12 teams) in each event for the CHAMPIONSHIPS shall be the top 12 contestants (12 teams) in the 2012 PRCA World Standings and the WPRA pro rodeo standings (including Wrangler Million Dollar Tour Bonus Money, money won at the Justin Boots Playoffs: Puyallup, WA and any official money won at any PRCA-sanctioned rodeo that ends on or before September 23, 2012). Each person who qualifies and confirms his intent to compete must also complete and sign “PRCA Release and Waiver and Choice of Venue” form, and for barrel racers, the “WPRA Release and Waiver and Choice of Venue” (contained in Exhibits A and B respectively), and these documents must be received by the Rodeo Secretary prior to the first scheduled competition in order to be eligible to compete.
- C. In the team roping, the top 12 qualifying headers must rope with the top 12 qualifying heelers. Team ropers are to designate partners when calling PROCOM to confirm competition (see item 1.F.). Should there be a discrepancy in partner designation; the latest confirmation to PROCOM will be accepted. Any team roping qualifier without a designated partner will have a partner assigned by Rodeo Administration, that determination made by a random drawing.
- D. Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s) in any event, only 12 will qualify, and the tie will be broken in favor of those with the highest total money won (unofficial & official combined) at PRCA and, for barrel racers, WPRA sanctioned rodeos in that event during the 2012 Rodeo Year at PRCA-sanctioned rodeos which end on or before **September 23, 2012**.
- E. With the exception of the team roping (see item 1.F) rankings coming into the CHAMPIONSHIPS will be from highest to lowest, per the 2012 PRCA World Standings and, for barrel racers, WPRA pro rodeo standings (as referenced in 1.B of these ground rules)
- F. In the team roping, once all headers and heelers are ranked by using the procedure outlined above, the ranking of the team will be determined as follows: the number one header and the number one heeler will pull their partners to assume the first place or second place ranking, with that determination based on the official 2012 PRCA World Standings (as referenced in 1.B of these ground rules). This procedure will continue until all teams are ranked.

- G. **COMPETITION CONFIRMATION.** The top 12 contestants (12 teams) must confirm intent to compete by calling **PROCOM from 9:00 AM (Mountain Time) Monday, September 24, 2012 to 3:00 PM (Mountain Time) Tuesday, September 25, 2012.** Contestant must be Financially Eligible and Competition Eligible at time of entry closing.
- H. The top 12 contestants (12 teams) not confirmed by 3:00 PM (Mountain Time) Tuesday, September 25, 2012 will be fined \$100.
- I. All those who are not residents of Nebraska will be subject to Nebraska State Withholding Tax.
- J. Current health papers are required for all contestant horses and will be checked by CHAMPIONSHIPS Staff prior to entry onto grounds.

2. CONTESTANT INFORMATION

- A. **Check-In:** CHAMPIONSHIPS Contestants, CHAMPIONSHIPS Stock Contractors, CHAMPIONSHIPS Officials and CHAMPIONSHIPS Contract Personnel are required to check in at the Rodeo Secretary's office (or designated area determined by the Rodeo Secretary) between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. on the day of the first performance. (Contract Personnel please note: This check-in time is in addition to any contractual requirements of the Production Manager.) At that time each contestant will receive a packet of information and credentials. Failure to check in during this time will result in a \$250 fine. All CHAMPIONSHIPS personnel with the exception of CHAMPIONSHIPS contestants will be required to have an arena specific photo card to be allowed on the competition arena floor.
- B. **Tickets:** Contestants and stock contractors will receive no more than one free ticket for each performance to be picked up at the rodeo secretary's office.
- C. **Hazers:** Steer Wrestling contestants are to report the name of their hazer to the Rodeo Secretary at the time of check-in. Any hazer who is not already a contestant must have a back number and is required to sign all releases and any other required documents. The back number entitles only that person access to the arena area.
- D. **Meeting Rehearsal:** CHAMPIONSHIPS Contestants, CHAMPIONSHIPS Stock Contractors, CHAMPIONSHIPS Officials and CHAMPIONSHIPS Contract Personnel are required to attend a meeting and rehearsal, scheduled for 1:00 P.M. the day of the first performance. Contestants are to be dressed in PRCA-rodeo-arena attire for photographs taken during and immediately following the contestant rehearsal. Failure to attend the meeting and the rehearsal shall result in a \$250 fine for each event missed.
- E. **Stalls:** One stall per timed event contestant will be available at no cost. Stalls will be located at the CenturyLink Center Omaha. Horses will be accepted for stalling beginning on Wednesday, September 26 at 1 p.m. No extra stalls will be available. All contestant horses must be removed from the stalls no later than 12 p.m. on Sunday, September 30. Failure to do so shall constitute a \$500 fine per horse left in the stalls past the deadline. Contestants will be responsible for purchasing or providing bedding for their stall. Bedding for purchase will be available on site.

- F. **Parking:** One parking pass per CHAMPIONSHIPS contestant will be provided. All vehicles improperly parked on property (on sidewalks, grass or in fire lanes as deemed by facility management or the Omaha Police) will be towed at owner's expense.
- G. **Horses:** All horses must be removed from the CenturyLink Center Omaha Arena no later than 11 p.m. each day. Failure to do so shall constitute a \$500 fine per horse left in the building past the deadline. An outdoor warm-up arena will be provided for contestant horses. Per facility management, horses are not allowed on sidewalks or grass areas.
- H. **PRCA Patches:** Two PRCA patches will be distributed at the time of check-in and must be worn at all times in the arena.

3. LIVESTOCK

- A. CHAMPIONSHIPS Stock contractors must arrive with livestock at livestock housing facility after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 and no later than 12 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2012. If livestock arrives after the deadline, the stock contractor who is supplying that stock will be assessed a single fine of \$500.
- B. Stock must be inspected by the Livestock Superintendent at time of arrival and must be accompanied by current certified veterinary health papers and certificates as required by the law of the state in which the CHAMPIONSHIPS is being held. No livestock will be accepted until such time as the required health papers and certificates are made available to the Livestock Superintendent. If that results in livestock acceptance beyond the delivery deadlines, fines will be issued according to paragraph 3.A above. No sick, sore, lame, or injured animal will be accepted or paid for. This includes any animal with a wound which, at the PRCA's sole discretion, is cosmetically questionable. Any bull requiring tipping of horns shall subject stock contractor to a fine of \$100 per horn needing attention.
- C. A mandatory inspection will occur at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2012.
- D. In accordance with Rule R8.13.1.3 of the PRCA Rulebook, all riding event livestock must have an ownership brand of the PRCA-member Stock Contractor furnishing the livestock. Failure to do so could result in a fine for each animal not so branded.
- E. All livestock must be removed by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 30, 2012 which is the day immediately following the last performance. Failure to abide by this deadline will result in a \$500 fine.
- F. No horse or bull on which a bareback rigging, saddle, or bull rope normally cannot be placed and/or cinch pulled prior to being loaded in the chute will be eligible for the CHAMPIONSHIPS. If such animal is brought, and thus causes a delay in production, the stock contractor will be fined \$250 for the first offense with that fine progressively doubling.
- G. Stock contractors are to provide their own feed and watering containers and are responsible for feeding and watering their own livestock.

4. GENERAL

- A. **Official Rodeo:** Per Rule R1.6.2.1 of the PRCA Rulebook and, for barrel racers, WPRA rule 10.4.1.8 the CHAMPIONSHIPS will be counted as an “Official Entry” rodeo unless contestant designates it as an “Unofficial Entry Rodeo” at time of competition confirmation or unless contestant has previously met the maximum number of allowable “Official Entry” rodeos.
- B. **Prize Money to Count toward Standings:** All prize money earned at the CHAMPIONSHIPS will count as Championship Points in accordance with Bylaw B12.1.1 of the PRCA Rulebook and for barrel racers, rule 14.1 of the WPRA Rulebook and will be applied to 2012 PRCA World Standings and, for barrel racers, 2012 WPRA pro rodeo standings, unless contestant designated the CHAMPIONSHIPS as an “Unofficial Entry Rodeo” at time of entry.
- C. **NO CIRCUIT POINTS.** Dollars won at the CHAMPIONSHIPS will not count toward circuit standings.
- D. **NO COMPETING IN OTHER RODEOS OR RODEO EVENTS DURING CHAMPIONSHIPS.** Contestants may not compete at a rodeo or rodeo event other than the CHAMPIONSHIPS on the day of the first performance and the day of the second performance. However, those contestants who do not qualify for the Semi-Finals will not be required to participate in any function on or after the semi-finals round performance.
- E. **Conflict with the Last Performance:** Any CHAMPIONSHIPS contestant, who has qualified for the semi-finals round and is scheduled to compete at another rodeo adding \$3,000 or more on the same day as the last performance of the CHAMPIONSHIPS, will be moved, if possible, at the second rodeo in accordance with procedures outlined in Rule R2.10.2 of the PRCA Rulebook and, for barrel racers, rule 10.6.2 of the WPRA Rule Book. Contestants who have not qualified for the semi-finals round will not be moved, nor will they be required to participate in any functions on or after the semi-finals round performance.
- F. **Doctor Releases:** Valid doctor releases will be accepted. Should it be necessary to doctor release, contestants are to follow procedures outlined in Part 7 of the PRCA Rulebook and, for barrel racers, Chapter 10 of the WPRA Rule Book. Failure to follow those procedures will result in fines pursuant to Section 5B of these Ground Rules. A contestant using the doctor release procedure shall also be subject to the ineligibility periods as set forth in the PRCA Rule Book.
- G. **Determination of Event Champion/Event Winners:** The Event Champion will be that person who wins the Finals on Saturday, September 29, 2012. In case of a tie the Finals, the Event Champion will be determined based on the fastest time or highest score in the Semi-Finals. If still tied, the Event Champion will be determined based on the fastest time or highest score on the best average following the two previous go-rounds. If still tied, the Event Champion will be determined based on the rankings coming into the CHAMPIONSHIPS.
- H. **Victory Lap:** The event winner for each performance must be prepared to take a victory lap following their event. In addition, all event winners for each performance are to be prepared to be introduced either in the arena or on the stage, as requested by Production Manager,

immediately following the last bull rider. Failure to take the victory lap or to be available for introduction following the performance will result in a \$100 fine for each violation.

- I. **All Contestants Introduced Each Performance:** All contestants will be introduced during opening ceremonies or during closing ceremonies immediately following the introduction of the winners of each performance. Failure to be available for this contestant introduction will subject contestant to a \$100 fine for each offense.
- J. **Autograph Sessions:** All CHAMPIONSHIPS contestants are required to participate in an autograph sessions following each performance, in which they compete, unless excused due to injury. Failure to participate in the autograph session shall result in an initial \$250 fine, that fine doubling progressively for each reported offense thereafter. Any contestant who does not qualify for the semi-finals will be excused from the autograph session after that performance only.
- K. **Patch Sponsorships:** No CHAMPIONSHIPS participant may wear or display in the Competition Arena of the CHAMPIONSHIPS (including the areas behind the chutes and the moat) 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. Participants will be notified at the CHAMPIONSHIPS contestant meeting of any CHAMPIONSHIPS Patch Sponsorship Rules that more specifically apply to the CHAMPIONSHIPS. For the barrel racers, see WPRA Rule #19.1.1 and Exhibit B.
- L. **Back Numbers:** Each contestant will be furnished with a CHAMPIONSHIPS 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 CHAMPIONSHIPS 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 CHAMPIONSHIPS back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the CHAMPIONSHIPS 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 CHAMPIONSHIPS for the fourth and subsequent offense. A contestant may be fined without warning and may be subject to immediate disqualification if the offense takes place during the semi-finals or finals. If a contestant distributes his/her back number to another individual for use or admission into the event, a fine of \$250 per incident will be levied.
- M. **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/she 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 that contestant did not give an honest effort and (iii) assessed a fine in the amount of \$500. For purposes of this ground rule, whether a contestant gives an honest effort will be determined as follows:
 - 1. Riding Events: In the riding events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipments, his horse or bull out of the chute (except in the case of a stalling animal or unless the Officials 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 rigging and 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 bull rope with wrap taken and 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 Officials to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete his ride.

2. 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 Officials 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 Officials to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

N. Foul Language: Any contestant using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, will be fined in accordance with **Bylaw B10.3.6, of the PRCA Rulebook, Conduct Detrimental to Public Image** and, for barrel racers, the WPRA Rule book will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$1,000, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.

O. Buckle Presentation: Go-round event winners each evening will be required to attend a buckle presentation ceremony at 10 pm, Thursday, September 27; 11pm on Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29 at the Hilton Omaha. Failure to participate shall result in an initial fine of \$250.00 to progressively double for each violation thereafter.

5. TURN OUT OR DOCTOR RELEASE SUBSTITUTIONS PRIOR TO COMPETITION

A. If for any reason a contestant is unable to compete, the next contestant in the 2012 PRCA World Standings and, for barrel racers, the 2012 WPRA pro rodeo standings (as referenced in 1.B of these ground rules) in the event will be substituted. Substitutions will not be allowed once the first go-round starts.

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 26	\$ 1,000.00
Notified turn out after 5:00 PM September 26	\$ 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 turnout deadline times are Mountain Time.

6. TURN OUT OR DOCTOR RELEASE AFTER START OF COMPETITION

- A. Contestants must compete in the first go-round in order to continue participating in the CHAMPIONSHIPS with the exception of team roping contestants per 6.B. of these ground rules.
- B. Any team entered in the team roping event at the CHAMPIONSHIPS suffering disabling injury or illness to either partner during the time period of the CHAMPIONSHIPS may be allowed to continue roping with a substitute partner chosen from either PRCA contestants already entered in the CHAMPIONSHIPS, but not already competing in the team roping CHAMPIONSHIPS, or the next highest ranked contestant (header or healer respectively) in the 2012 PRCA World Standings as of September 23, 2012. If this happens, the newly formed team is eligible for go-round money only, and the newly formed team is not eligible for the average or for advancement to the Semi-Finals or the Finals.
- C. A non-valid turn out after competing at the CHAMPIONSHIPS will result in disqualification, loss of monies won, and \$3,000 fine.
- D. Injured Contestant Offered Re-ride or Extra in Long Go-Round: If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of the official CHAMPIONSHIPS Medical Staff, the doctor will determine if the contestant is capable of competing. He/she must inform the judges of his decision to accept a re-ride or extra. That re-ride or 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 a re-ride or the extra, and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss's decision when the re-ride or rerun will be taken if animals are not available.
- E. Contestant Injured in Semi-Finals Who is Eligible to Advance to Finals: If a contestant is injured during the Semi-Finals and is eligible to advance to the Finals, and requires the attention of the official CHAMPIONSHIPS Medical Staff, the doctor will determine if the contestant is capable of competing. If the contestant is capable of competing, he must be ready when called upon for his finals stock. If the doctor rules the contestant is not capable of competing, the next eligible contestant in the event will advance to the Finals.

7A. PRCA FORMAT

- A. CHAMPIONSHIPS will be two full go-rounds, 3 performances, with the last performance consisting of a semi-finals and finals.
- B. Advancement to the semi-finals and finals will be as follows:

Advancement to the semi-finals: The top eight average leaders following two go-rounds will advance to the semi-finals. No scores or times from the previous go-rounds will be carried forward to the semi-finals (except for purposes of breaking ties, as described below). The eight contestants advancing to the semi-finals will be ranked according to the average following the two go-rounds. Tie breakers as outlined in section 8.C.1 of these ground rules will apply to the qualification for the semi-finals and to the ranking of the semi-finalists.

Advancement to the finals: The top four contestants (teams) in each event following the semi-finals rounds will advance to the finals. No scores or times from the previous go-rounds or the semi-finals will be carried forward to the finals (except for purposes of breaking ties, as described below). The four contestants (teams) advancing to the finals will be ranked 1 to 4 according to the fastest time or highest score from the semi-finals, with the fastest time or highest score 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.

C. Tiebreakers:

1. **For Advancement to the semi-finals:**

Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s) for the semi-finals based on the average following two go-rounds, or if there is a tie in the ranking of any of the 8 qualifiers coming into the semi-finals, ties will be broken as follows:

- a. Fastest time or highest score in a single go-round. If still tied, then second fastest time or second highest score in a single go-round. If still tied, then
- b. Ranking coming into CHAMPIONSHIPS (see paragraphs 1.E and 1.F for rankings).

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 the semi-finals, ties will be broken as follows:

- a. Average following two full go-rounds. If still tied, then
- b. Tie breaking procedure outlined in 8.C. of these ground rules.

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

7B. WPRA FORMAT

A. CHAMPIONSHIPS will be two full go-rounds, with the last performance consisting of a finals.

B. Advancement to the finals will be as follows:

The top four average leaders will advance to the finals. No scores or times from the previous go-round will be carried forward to the finals (except for purposes of breaking ties, as described below). Tie breakers as outlined in section 7.C.2 of these ground rules will apply to the qualification for the finals and to the ranking of the finalists.

C. Tie Breakers:

1. For advancement to the finals:
Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s) for the finals, ties will be broken as follows:

- a. Ranking coming into CHAMPIONSHIPS (see paragraphs 1.D. and 1.E. for rankings)

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

8A. PRCA PAYOFF

- A. For the full go-rounds, 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. For the semi-finals and finals, if fewer than the numbers of place to be paid qualify in the payoff; the tie breaking procedure as outlined in 8.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 semi-finals or 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 in the semi-finals or finals, all money for that go-round, semi-finals or finals, as the case may be, will be divided evenly among all who competed. Any money paid to a contestant did not make a qualified ride or qualified time shall be considered ground money and will not be posted as money won and will not count for championship points.

- C. Payoff, per event, for each of the full go-rounds & average: **\$15,474.55**

1 st	\$5,106.60	(per man in TR)
2 nd	\$3,868.64	(per man in TR)
3 rd	\$2,785.42	(per man in TR)
4 th	\$1,856.95	(per man in TR)
5 th	\$1,083.22	(per man in TR)
6 th	\$773.73	(per man in TR)

- D. Payoff, per event, for the semi- finals: **\$15,474.55**

1 st	\$6,189.82	(per man in TR)
2 nd	\$4,642.37	(per man in TR)
3 rd	\$3,094.91	(per man in TR)
4 th	\$1,547.46	(per man in TR)

- E. Payoff, per event, for the finals: **\$29,128.57**

1 st	\$11,651.43	(per man in TR)
2 nd	\$8,738.57	(per man in TR)
3 rd	\$5,825.71	(per man in TR)
4 th	\$2,912.86	(per man in TR)

8B. WPRA PAYOFF

- A. For the full go-rounds, should there be fewer qualified times than the number of places to be paid, the payoff, eligibility for Championship Points, etc. shall be handled according to WPRA Rule 11.1.14.
- B. For the finals, if fewer than the numbers of place to be paid qualify in the payoff; the tie breaking procedure as outlined in 7B.C of these Ground Rules will be used for remaining places. In the event of a tie (involving a qualified 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 the finals, all money for that go-round or finals, as the case may be, will be divided evenly among all who competed. Any money paid to a contestant did not make a qualified time shall be considered ground money and will not be posted as money won and will not count for championship points.
- C. Payoff, for the full go-rounds:

1 st	\$4,096.53
2 nd	\$2,104.23
3 rd	\$1,432.66
4 th	\$761.10
- D. Payoff, for the finals

1 st	\$8,349.75
2 nd	\$4,230.84
3 rd	\$2,798.17
4 th	\$1,410.28
- E. Payoff, for the average

1 st	\$1,884.85
2 nd	\$917.80
3 rd	\$671.56
4 th	\$447.71

9A. PRCA COMPETITION ORDER & DRAW ORDER

- A. First go-round: Reverse of Standings coming into the CHAMPIONSHIPS.
- B. Second go-round: Reverse of money won in first round.
- C. Semi-finals and finals: Reverse of qualification position for each.
- D. Tie breakers for competition and breaking order: Refer to corresponding tiebreakers as outlined in item 8.C of these ground rules.

9B. WPRA COMPETITION ORDER & DRAW ORDER

- A. First performance: Reverse of Standings coming into the CHAMPIONSHIPS (12-1).
- B. Second performance: Reverse of the first performance (1-12).
- C. Final Performance: Finals: Top four average leaders from the first two go rounds will compete with a random draw for competition position.
- D. Tie breakers for competition and breaking order: Refer to corresponding tiebreakers as outlined in item 7B.C of these ground rules.

10. TIMED EVENTS

- A. Stock selection: Cattle used in the timed events shall be selected by the CHAMPIONSHIPS Arena Director, with the approval of the respective Event Representatives. Each respective Event Representative (or duly appointed designee) shall select the cattle to be used for the Semi-Finals and Finals, subject to final approval of the Director of Rodeo Administration and CHAMPIONSHIPS Arena Director.
- B. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.
- C. If a contestant is not ready when called, Chute Boss, in agreement with the Officials, or the Officials may fine contestant \$250 for first the offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense. 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 has a fair opportunity after entering the box to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.
- D. Rattling the gates in the Timed Events chutes (to get horse to score) will result in 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.
- E. Timed Event contestants will enter and exit the arena as directed by the Arena Director.
- F. No more than one man in the box if so requested by contestant.
- G. Only one horse in the box.
- H. A contestant must have hat on head while in box, with no assistance in keeping on or taking off said hat by another person.
- I. The judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
- J. Time limits (not including penalties):

Tie-Down Roping: 25 seconds

Steer Wrestling: 60 seconds
Team Roping: 30 seconds

- K. Tie-Down Roping: The Optional Tie-Down Roping ground policy as set forth in R11.6.5 of the PRCA Rulebook will be in effect.
- L. Tie-down animals will be tied prior to the first go-round only. Tie-down animals selected for the semifinals and finals may be tied again in agreement with the PRCA Tie-Down Event Representative and Director of Rodeo Administration.
- M. If a timed event animal escapes the chute prior to the contestant calling for him, that contestant will automatically receive the first extra and will compete on that animal in the performance. The originally drawn animal will remain in the herd.
- N. A contestant may compete on the same animal in the semi-finals or the finals that he competed on the 1st go-round or 2nd go-round.
- O. Unruly or unmanageable animals, including contestants' horses, that endanger CHAMPIONSHIPS personnel, contestants or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the CHAMPIONSHIPS, may be disqualified by the Officials from further use.
- P. The Arena Director shall designate a time for extras in each of the timed events to be run.
- Q. Headers who drop their rope after completing will be fined \$100 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each additional offense.
- R. Horse handlers and helpers for the tie-down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping events can bring the horses as far forward as the tie-down animal pens, but will not be allowed past the area or in the box. Only CHAMPIONSHIPS contestants and 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.
- T. In the Team Roping Event, only 2 loops per team will be permitted.

11. RIDING EVENTS

- A. Two judges will be used to score each ride.
- B. Stock selection: Stock for the CHAMPIONSHIPS will be selected by each Event Representative, subject to the final approval of the Director of Rodeo Administration and the Production Manager.
- C. If pens are not available by the designated draw time, pens will be set by the Director of Rodeo Administration, the Production Manager, or their appointed representatives. Pens must be set to have a minimum of 4 animals with the same delivery designation.

- D. No bareback or saddle bronc with a history of having to be pulled out of the chute will be available for the CHAMPIONSHIPS.
- E. All riding event livestock selected for CHAMPIONSHIPS must be bucked or in the re-rides at least once at the CHAMPIONSHIPS with the exception of those animals which may be injured or sick, provided livestock selection procedure remains the same as is currently being used.
- F. If a contestant is not ready when called, Chute Boss, in agreement with the Officials, or the Officials may report contestant. The fine will be \$250 for first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense. Likewise, if a Stock Contractor or Stock Contractor's flankman is not ready when called, Chute Boss, in agreement with the Officials, or the judge may fine the Stock Contractor \$250 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense. For clarification, this shall be called by and enforced by the judges. For purposes of these Ground Rules, "ready when called" shall be defined as:

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

Bareback Riding: Contestant must be over horse with hand in rigging when previous horse leaves the arena. 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: 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. 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: Contestant must be pulling rope when previous bull leaves the arena. 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.

- G. The Chute Boss has the authority to assign a flankman in the absence of the livestock owner or his designated flankman.
- H. A contestant may compete on the same animal in the semifinals or the finals that he competed on in the 1st go-round.
- I. Should an animal refuse to be loaded into the chute, thus putting the production in jeopardy, the Livestock Superintendent can declare that animal unruly and dismiss it from that performance. In that case, the contestant with that animal drawn will be given a re-ride.
- J. The final decision regarding if, when and/or how an animal is tied in belongs solely to the Riding Event Chute Boss.
- K. The length of the flank latigo on horse flanks shall be no longer than nine feet (9'). Failure to adhere to this shall result in the stock contractor being fined \$100 for the first offense, with that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.

- L. Unruly or unmanageable animals that endanger CHAMPIONSHIPS personnel, contestants, or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the CHAMPIONSHIPS, may be disqualified by the Officials from further use.
- M. Once pens have been set in a go-round, there will be no changing of those pens unless the changes conform with the CHAMPIONSHIPS Ground Rules. Any changes on delivery must be by mutual agreement of a Riding Event Representative, livestock owner, or his representative, and the Chute Boss.
- N. If a drawn animal is turned out for any reason, that animal will become a part of the re-ride pen for that performance and, if necessary to use, will be the first re-ride in the re-ride order. In the semi-finals or finals, if the next highest qualifier is advanced because of a doctor release by a qualifier, that replacement qualifier will take the animal originally drawn by the qualifier.



AUTHORIZATION TO USE AND RELEASE MEDICAL INFORMATION

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I AM AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION ("PRCA"), PRCA PROPERTIES, INC ("PROPERTIES"), PRORODEO BULL RIDING, INC. ("XTREME BULLS"), JUSTIN BOOTS SPORTS MEDICINE TEAM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND VOLUNTEERS ("Receiving Parties") TO USE AND RELEASE CERTAIN MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT ME. I HAVE THEREFORE BEEN ADVISED TO READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.

1. I acknowledge that, pursuant to one or more Authorizations for Release of Records or Information, Dr. Tandy Freeman and members of the Justin Boots Sports Medicine Team have been authorized to provide certain information in my medical records, reports, tests, results and other information (the "Information") to the Receiving Parties including PRCA, Properties, Xtreme Bulls, and Justin Boots Sports Medicine Team members.
2. For PRCA, Properties and Xtreme Bulls to provide accurate reports on my medical condition to the media, rodeo fans and other interested parties, and in consideration for my being allowed to participate in PRCA-sanctioned or Xtreme Bulls-sanctioned events, I hereby authorize Receiving Parties to release reports about me and my medical condition, including but not limited to reports incorporating some or all of the information, for the following purposes:
 - to report to the media my medical condition, the length of time I may be unable to compete, my rehabilitation program, and my expected date of return to rodeo events;
 - to educate others on rodeo injuries and their treatment and care via photos or text for educational purposes.
 - to provide information to rodeo fans, officials and sponsors about my medical condition, the length of time I may be unable to compete, my rehabilitation program, and my expected date of return to rodeo events;
 - to allow the PRCA, Properties and Xtreme Bulls to use the Information in administering their respective organizations and to ensure my compliance with certain rules that involve injuries, illnesses and medical-related issues;
 - to allow the Justin Sports Medicine Team to disseminate medical information amongst it's members for better continuity of my care.
3. I acknowledge that the reports and information may be re-disclosed by the recipient of the information and that the recipient may not be required to comply with the Privacy Rule.
4. I understand that I do not have to grant this Authorization as a condition of the provision of treatment by Justin Boots Sports Medicine Team.
5. I understand that I may revoke (take back) this Authorization at any time, except to the extent that Receiving Parties have already acted based on this Authorization, by sending a written revocation to: Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Attn: Shelley Warner, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919.
6. I understand that this Authorization expires on August 31, 2013.
7. I acknowledge that the provisions of this Authorization shall be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

Printed Name: _____ **Card No:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**EXHIBIT B - 2012 JUSTIN BOOTS CHAMPIONSHIPS: OMAHA, NE GROUND
RULES**

**ADDENDUM TO GROUND RULES
WPRA BARREL RACING**

2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE

The terms and conditions set forth in this Addendum shall be incorporated into and be considered part of the 2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE Ground Rules, Omaha, Nebraska September 27-29, 2012, and shall be applicable only to the WPRA barrel racing event:

1. Each WPRA participant, upon confirmation of participation in the 2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE, 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 2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE and that PRCA shall be the owner of all rights in and to her appearance or other involvement in the 2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE.

(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 2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the 2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE 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 2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE, 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 2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE or the sport of professional rodeo.

4. WPRA members must have their 2012 WPRA membership paid in full no later than 5:00 PM (MT), Friday, September 19, 2012.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the 2012 Justin Boots Championships, Omaha, NE, I acknowledge that I have read this Exhibit B 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



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State of Nebraska

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Director

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF NEBRASKA

DR. DENNIS HUGHES	)	
STATE VETERINARIAN	)	
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY	)	
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	)	VESICULAR STOMATITIS
STATE OFFICE BUILDING	)	IMPORT ORDER
301 CENTENNIAL MALL SOUTH	)	Amended as of August 3, 2012
FOURTH FLOOR	)	
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68509	)	

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), has confirmed multiple cases of Vesicular Stomatitis in New Mexico and at least one case in the state of Colorado. The USDA/APHIS/VS, the state of New Mexico, and the state of Colorado have quarantined the infected premises and are conducting epidemiological investigations of the confirmed Vesicular Stomatitis cases. This Order is being issued to aid in monitoring the movement of animals destined for importation into Nebraska from any state which has had a laboratory confirmation of Vesicular Stomatitis.

Pursuant to the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-701 and 54-753.05, this Order is issued this 3rd day of August, 2012, for the purpose of monitoring movement of livestock into Nebraska from any state which has been confirmed Vesicular Stomatitis positive. This Order supersedes any previous orders regarding Vesicular Stomatitis which were issued by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

ORDER:

This Import Order is in addition to the requirements found in the current Animal Importation Act and Animal Importation Regulations (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 to 54-796, and 23 NAC 2).

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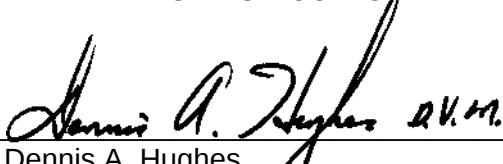
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All imports of equine (including horses, donkeys, mules, etc.), bovine (including cattle, bison, etc.), sheep, goats, swine, cervidae (including elk, deer, etc.), and camelids (including camels, llamas, alpaca, etc.) from any state which has had a confirmed Vesicular Stomatitis positive animal, shall obtain a pre-entry permit prior to import into Nebraska, and this permit number shall be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI); and
2. The following statement shall be written on the CVI by the issuing veterinarian: "The animals represented on this CVI have not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for Vesicular Stomatitis or a premises on which Vesicular Stomatitis has been diagnosed in the last 30 days. I have examined the animals and found no signs of Vesicular Stomatitis," and;
3. Animals entering Nebraska for exhibition purposes shall have been examined by an accredited veterinarian within 48 hours of importation into Nebraska and so stated on the CVI.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Exceptions to this Order will only be by approval of the State Veterinarian upon epidemiological evaluation and risk determination.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Dr. Dennis A. Hughes
Nebraska State Veterinarian