

# 2012 All American ProRodeo Finals October 7-13, 2012 GROUND RULES

## **I. QUALIFIERS**

- A. Only 30 contestants per event (30 headers and 30 heelers) will qualify to compete in the 2012 All American ProRodeo Finals Event ("FINALS"). The top 30 contestants (30 headers and 30 heelers) with the highest accumulated All American ProRodeo Series Points in the 2012 All American ProRodeo Series Standings based on participation requirements will qualify for the event.
- B. In the team roping event, the 30 qualifying headers must rope with the 30 qualifying heelers. Team Ropers are to designate their partners when they enter through PROCOM. Should there be a discrepancy in partner designation; the latest confirmation to PROCOM will be accepted. If a contestant's partner is drawn out due to qualifications, the contestant who qualified will not be allowed to draw out. A replacement partner will be drawn at random from the other contestants whose partners were drawn out due to qualification.

Filling of Remaining Positions - If 30 Qualifiers have not entered by the entry closing time to fill the FINALS contestant positions, those contestants who are who are Financially Eligible and Competition Eligible who have satisfied the 30 All American requirements of participation may be called. They will be notified by PROCOM of remaining positions available and allowed to accept and be placed in those available positions. Contestants that are accepted and placed in available positions yet failed to enter through PROCOM while the books were open may be subject to a \$50 fine.

- C. The participation rule may be waived and the remaining positions may also be filled from among the Non-Qualifiers who failed to satisfy the participation, in order of their total number of All American ProRodeo Series rodeos participated in and then their ranking in the All American ProRodeo Series Standings for that event and who entered through PROCOM. Non-Qualifiers, who failed to meet the participation requirements, will be not eligible for FINALS awards or titles (including nightly buckles) **nor will any prize money won count** toward qualification for 2013 limited entry rodeos per R1.2.14 and R1.2.15. All positions filled by Non-Qualifiers will be determined, assigned and drawn by PROCOM.
- E. Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s) in any event, only 30 contestants (30 headers and 30 heelers) will qualify. The tie will be broken in favor of those with the highest total money won at regular season PRCA/~~WPRA~~-sanctioned rodeos, in the rodeo event in which there is a tie, that end on or before September 10, 2012.
- F. With the exception of the team roping (see I.F), ~~r~~ankings going into the FINALS will be determined first those meeting participation and as follows: The contestant with the highest accumulated 2012 All American Series Points will be ranked #1, with the second

position awarded to the contestant with the second highest accumulated 2012 All American Series Points. The remaining contestants will be ranked similarly.

- G. In the team roping, once all headers and all heelers are ranked by using the procedure outlined in I.E., the ranking of the team will be determined as follows: The #1 header and the #1 heeler will pull their partners to assume either the 1st place or the 2nd place ranking, with the determination based on the total 2012 All American Series Points for the #1 header and the #1 heeler. If a contestant competed as a header and heeler in any All American ProRodeo Series Rodeos, their rodeo count will be combined, however points will remain separate. The remaining teams will be ranked similarly.

## **II. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY**

- A. Contestants shall enter by calling during PROCOM hours from 10:00 A.M. Mountain Daylight Time, Wednesday, September 19, 2012 to 10:00 A.M. Mountain Daylight Time, Thursday, September 20, 2012.
- B. Card holder substitution will be done for all doctor releases (DR), visible injuries (VI), WPRA release (WR) and notified turn-outs (TO) received 30 hours prior to the start of any go-round. Alternates will be taken from a list of contestants following procedures outlined in I.C. qualifiers.

Notifications made after the 30 hour deadline may not be replaced.

## **III. TURN OUT, DOCTOR RELEASE, VISIBLE INJURY SUBSTITUTIONS.**

- A. Substitutions may not be allowed after the 30 hour deadline. If a DR, VI, TO or WR is replaced, the alternate contestant, will be responsible for entry fees. If no replacement is found, the original contestant will be responsible for entry fees.

Once contestant entry has been made, the following turn out fines will apply:

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| Notified turn out prior to 30 hour deadline as stated in section II. B. if and only if a substitution is found. | \$500.00    |
| Notified turn out prior to 30 hour deadline if <b>NO</b> substitution is available.                             | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Notified turn out after 30 hour deadline.                                                                       | \$ 1,250.00 |
| Non-notified turn out.                                                                                          | \$ 1,500.00 |

Notification of turn outs must be called into PROCOM during their regular business hours.

**IV. TURN OUT, DOCTOR RELEASE, VISIBLE INJURY AFTER START OF COMPETITION.**

- A. Contestants must compete in the first go-round in order to continue participating in the FINALS.
- B. Any team entered in the team roping event at the FINALS suffering disabling injury or illness to either partner during the time period of the FINALS may be allowed to continue roping with a substitute partner chosen from among any PRCA contestant already entered in the FINALS, but not already competing in the team roping at the FINALS. If this happens, the newly formed team is eligible for go-round money only, and the newly formed team is not eligible for advancement to the semi-finals, or the finals. Once the newly formed team has competed, the original team cannot be reformed.
- C. If injured, a contestant (with valid letter from the official FINALS medical staff) may not compete in any given performance and return to competition the following performance. Notification of a medical turn out must be given to the Rodeo Secretary no later than three hours prior to the start of the performance. In the Team Roping this pertains to the entire team if one or both of the partners is injured.
- D. A non-valid turn out after competing at the FINALS will result in disqualification, loss of monies won, and a \$1,500 fine.

**V. GENERAL**

- A. By confirming your intent to compete in the 2012 All American ProRodeo Series Finals Finals to be held at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX, October 7 – 13, 2012, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these ground rules, the FINALS Patch Sponsorship Rules Addendum and all other Addenda and Exhibits to these Ground Rules, the PRCA and the WPRA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules, and any other applicable rules, including all releases of liability set forth in those documents.
- B. Each person who qualifies to compete must also complete and sign the “PRCA/WPRA Release and Waiver and Choice of Venue” form, [WPRA 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. The FINALS will be designated as an “unofficial entry rodeo” for all contestants. Money won at FINALS will count towards 2013 rodeo qualifications in the category of 2012 money won.
- D. Dollars won at the FINALS will not count towards Texas Circuit Standings or towards Texas Circuit rodeo count in regards to the qualification to the Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo.
- E. Designated contestants (as listed below) will be required to be in the arena prior to each performance no later than the time specified by the Manager of Production for spotlight introduction. Anyone not appearing in the spotlight will be fined \$100.

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| Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> performance: | Top event leaders coming into FINALS (Bracket A)            |
| Prior to 2 <sup>nd</sup> performance: | Top event leader from 1 <sup>st</sup> go-round (Bracket A)  |
| Prior to 3 <sup>rd</sup> performance: | Top event leaders coming into FINALS (Bracket B)            |
| Prior to 4 <sup>th</sup> performance: | Top event leaders from 1 <sup>st</sup> go-round (Bracket B) |

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| Prior to 5 <sup>th</sup> performance: | Top event leaders coming into FINALS (Bracket C)            |
| Prior to 6 <sup>th</sup> performance: | Top event leaders from 1 <sup>st</sup> go-round (Bracket C) |
| Prior to 7 <sup>th</sup> performance: | Top event leaders from Bracket A,B,C based on money won     |

- F. The event winner for each performance must be prepared to take a victory lap following his/her event at the Finals Performance. In addition, immediately following the last bull rider all event winners for each performance are to be prepared to walk to a designated location (set by the Production Manager) for introduction. Failure to participate in any one of these functions will result in a \$100.00 fine for each violation.
- G. No FINALS participant may wear or display in the competition arena of the FINALS (including the areas behind the chutes and the moat) any patch or Signage (as defined in the PRCA "Rules & Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena") which is in conflict with, or opposed to, PRCA's and/or Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Properties, Inc. National Sponsors, unless registered by PRCA Properties in the 2012 PRCA Patch Program. See Exhibit A and WPRA Rule 19.1.1.
- H. A contestant in each event will be chosen to represent a sponsor team. Sponsor team participants will be selected **Thursday night** prior to the first performance. There will be a total of 30 teams and each contestant will be designated to a sponsor team. Each team member will be required to wear a sponsor back number and make one appearance at the sponsor's place of business, if requested, during the FINALS.
- I. Nightly event winners are required to attend an autograph session immediately following each performance at a designated area. Unless excused due to injury, failure to participate in the autograph session shall result in an initial \$250.00 fine, that fine doubling progressively for each reported offense thereafter.
- J. Each contestant will be furnished a FINALS 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 FINALS 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 FINALS back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the FINALS back number in its entirety as outlined above will result in a fine of \$1,000.00 for the first offense, \$2,000.00 for the second offense, \$4000.00 for the third offense, and disqualification 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.
- K. All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by a unanimous vote of all PRCA Judges 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 and (ii) assessed a fine in the amount of \$5,000. For purposes of this ground rule, whether a contestant gives an honest effort will be determined as follows:

**Riding Events:** 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 Pro 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 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 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 PRCA Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, PRCA Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete his ride.

**Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping:** In the timed events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse across the score line (unless the PRCA Judges 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 PRCA Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, PRCA Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

**Barrel Race:** In the barrel race, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, her horse through the electric eye (unless the PRCA Judges 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 PRCA Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, PRCA Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

- L. Any contestant using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, or using inappropriate gestures will be fined in accordance with Bylaw B10.3.6, of the PRCA Rulebook or the WPRA Rulebook, Conduct Detrimental to Public Image and will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$500.00, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.

## **VI. CHECK-IN**

- A. Contestants, FINALS Officials, and FINALS Contract Personnel are required to check-in at the Rodeo Secretary's office (or designated area determined by the Rodeo Secretary) at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. prior to the first go round of competition or the first performance in which the contestant is slated to compete. **NOTE: Sunday's performance starts at 4:00 p.m. so check-in will be on or before 1:00 p.m.** At that time, each contestant will receive a packet of information and credentials. Failure to check-in during this time will result in a \$250.00 fine.
- B. Contestants will receive no more than one free ticket for each performance.
- C. Stalls will be on a first come, first served basis. All contestant horses must be removed from the stalls no later than Noon on Sunday, October 14, 2012. Failure to do so shall result in a \$500.00 fine per horse left in the stalls past the deadline.
- D. 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, which entitles only that person access to the arena area.

## VII. MEETING/REHEARSAL

- A. All contestants (scheduled to compete in that night's performance), stock contractors, FINALS Officials, and FINALS Contract Personnel are required to attend a meeting and rehearsal PRIOR TO EACH CONTESTANT'S FIRST PERFORMANCE, scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the rodeo arena at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX. Contestants qualifying for Performance 7 are required to attend a meeting and rehearsal prior to that performance. **NOTE: Sunday's October 9 performance rehearsal will be at 2:00 p.m.**
- a. **Bracket A: Meeting & Rehearsal Sunday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m.**
  - b. **Bracket B: Meeting & Rehearsal Tuesday, October 9 at 5:00 p.m.**
  - c. **Bracket C: Meeting & Rehearsal Thursday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m.**
  - d. **Semi-Finals Qualifiers: Meeting & Rehearsal Saturday, October 13 at 5:00 p.m.**
- B. Failure to attend the meeting or attend the rehearsal may result in a \$250.00 fine for each event missed.

## VIII. FORMAT

- A. The FINALS will be a seven performance rodeo. The first six performance will consist of two go rounds back-to-back, performance-to-performance, three brackets of 10 contestants. Bracket A consisting of 10 contestants will compete performance 1 & 2. Bracket B consisting of 10 contestants will compete performance 3 & 4. Bracket C consisting of 10 contestants will compete performance 5 & 6. **There will be no average.** The seventh performance will be the semi-finals that will also include a sudden death format for the finals.
- B. **Advancement to Semi Finals Round:**  
The top 3 contestants (3 teams) in each bracket A,B,C based on money won in the set will advance to the semi-finals held in the 7<sup>th</sup> performance. Positions in the semi-finals round will be random draw as no times or scores will carry from the previous go-rounds. Any ground money awarded to a contestant will not count as money won, nor be used in determining money winners who advance.
- Finals Round:**  
The top 4 contestants (4 teams) based on highest score or fastest time in the semi-finals round will advance to the final round. Contestants will compete in reverse order of fastest time or highest score. Contestants will compete in a "sudden death" format, with the fastest time or highest score winning the round.
- C. Tie Breakers:
1. Advancement: To the semi-finals round.  
If there is a tie, the tie-breaker will first go to the contestant who met the required participation for the event. If still tied, the tie will then be broken based on the 2012 All American ProRodeo Series Standings as determined at the time of entry closing. If still tied, the tie-breaker will go to the contestant who won a go-round. If still tied, the tie breaker will go to any fastest time or highest score in any go-round.
  2. Advancement: To the Finals.



If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the highest marked ride in the previous round. If there is still a tie refer to C1.

3. FINALS Winner: If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the highest marked ride in the previous round. If there is still a tie refer to C1.
  4. Nightly Winners: If a tie exist for nightly event winners in first 6 performances one set of prizes will be given by the Committee and the winner will be determined as listed above in C2.
- D. Should any one or more of the qualifiers for either the semi-finals or finals be injured or unable to compete, the next highest qualifier from the bracket which the injured contestant competed in will advance. If there is a tie, refer to C1.

## **IX. ENTRY FEES / PAYOFF**

- A. Entry Fees for all events will be \$250.00
- B. For each of the brackets A,B,C should there be fewer qualified rides or times than the number of places to be paid, the payoff, eligibility for Finals Points, etc. shall be handled according to Rule R5.5.3 of the PRCA-Rulebook or the WPRA Rule Book.
- C. For the semi-finals and finals, if fewer than the number of places to be paid qualifies in the payoff, the tie breaking procedure as outlined in VIII.C will be used in determining the payoff for the remaining unpaid places. If no one qualifies in the semi-finals or finals the payoff will be divided equally among all who competed. Any money paid to a contestant where the contestant did not make a qualified ride or qualified time, shall be considered ground money and therefore will not be posted as money won nor will it count for Finals Points.

In the event of a tie involving a qualified score or time, with the exception of the finals round, 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.

- D. Total payoff for PRCA events will be \$421,250.00 (including entry fees), \$60,178.71 per event (per man in the TR). Total payoff for the WPRA barrel race will be \$60,178.71
- E. Payoff breakdown:

### **Each bracket, per go-round; \$6,946.43 per event (per man in TR)**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place: | \$2,778.57 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place: | \$2,083.93 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place: | \$1,389.29 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place: | \$694.64   |

### **Semi-finals: \$6,000.00 per event (per man in TR)**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place: | \$2,400.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place: | \$1,800.00 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place: | \$1,200.00 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place: | \$600.00   |

**Finals: \$12,500.00 per event (per man in TR)**

1<sup>st</sup> place: \$7,500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$5,000.00

**X. COMPETITION ORDER AND DRAW ORDER**

- A. Performance 1 – 6 will be 2 go-rounds back-to-back. Contestants will be seeded into performances from their ranking in the All American ProRodeo Series Standings in the following order and will consist of three brackets:
- Bracket A (will compete in the first and second performances):  
Contestants ranked 3,4,9,10,15,16,21,22,27,28
  - Bracket B (will compete in the third and fourth performance):  
Contestants ranked 2,5,8,11,14,17,20,23,26,29
  - Bracket C (will compete in the fifth and sixth performances):  
Contestants ranked 1,6,7,12,13,18,19,24,25,30
- B. Competition order for Performances 1, 3 and 5 will be in the reverse order of qualification. For performances 2, 4 and 6 it will be in reverse order of the results of each brackets first go-round, except in the WPRA barrel race where for Performances 2, 4 and 6 it will be in reverse order of each groups first go-round.
- C. Semi-Finals Round: Random Draw.
- D. Finals: Reverse order of the fastest time or highest score from the semi-finals round.
- E. If contestants are conflicted with a Circuit Finals Rodeo due to their ranking they may request a move through PROCOM when they confirm their intent to compete. No other trades will be accepted.

**XI. TIMED EVENTS**

- A. All contestants with animals must have the following documents for their animals in order to participate in the FINALS:
1. Valid veterinary certificate of inspection or health certificate issued within thirty (30) days of the date of admission to the grounds. Documents must be signed by a licensed veterinarian.
  2. Current Coggins test.
- B. Cattle used in the timed events shall be selected by the Heart O' Texas Rodeo Committee. Selected timed event stock contractors will provide one animal for every contestant plus extras.
- C. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.00.
- D. Rattling the gates in the timed event chutes (to get a horse to score) will result in a \$250.00 fine which will progressively double for each violation thereafter.
- E. If a contestant is not ready when called, the Chute Boss in agreement with the PRCA Judges, or the PRCA Judges, may fine contestant \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. For purposes of these ground rules, "ready when called"



shall be defined as the following: contestant must be riding into the box when previous animal is excused from the arena.

- F. Timed event contestants will enter and exit the arena as directed by the Manager of Production.
- G. There shall be no more than one man in the box if so requested by the contestant. Only one horse in the box will be permitted.
- H. A contestant must have their hat on while in the box, with no assistance in keeping on or taking off said hat by another person.
- I. The PRCA Judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
- J. Time Limits are as follows (not including penalties):

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| Tie Down Roping: | 25 seconds |
| Steer Wrestling: | 60 seconds |
| Team Roping:     | 30 seconds |
- K. The optional Tie-Down Roping Rule R11.6.5 of the PRCA Rulebook will be in effect.
- L. Calves will be prepared prior to each of the three first go-round competitions. Calves selected for the semi-finals and finals may be tied again if mutually agreed upon by the event representative and timed event livestock director.
- M. The FINALS Committee shall designate a time for extras in each of the timed events to be run.
- N. 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 escaped animal will be put back into the herd.
- O. A contestant may compete on the same animal in the semi-finals or the finals that he competed on in one of the previous go-rounds.
- P. Headers who drop their rope after completing competition will be fined \$100.00 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling thereafter.
- Q. In the team roping, only two loops will be allowed.

## **XII. RIDING EVENTS**

- A. Two Judges will be used to score each ride
- B. Stock for the FINALS will be selected by the Heart O' Texas Rodeo Committee. Any performance pens set are subject to the final approval of the Director of Rodeo Administration, Event Representatives, and the Rodeo Committee.
- C. If a contestant is not ready when called, the Chute Boss in agreement with the PRCA Judges, or the PRCA Judges may fine said contestant \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. Likewise, if a Stock Contractor or Stock

Contractor's flank man is not ready when called, the Chute Boss in agreement with the PRCA Judges may fine said Stock Contractor \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. For purposes of these ground rules, "ready when called" shall be defined as follows:

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

**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.

**Bull Riding:** Contestant must be pulling rope when previous bull leaves the arena.

**Stock Contractor/Flank Man:** Flank man must have the flank adjusted, gloves on if used, and ready when previous animal leaves the arena.

- D. The Chute Boss has the authority to assign a flank man in the absence of the livestock owner or his/her designated flank man.
- E. Stock for the first and second go-round for group A will be posted by 6:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2012, in the Rodeo Secretary's office. The stock for the other two groups will be posted by 6:00 p.m. the day before that group competes.
- F. A contestant may compete on the same animal in the semi-finals, or finals round that said contestant competed on in one of the long go-rounds.
- G. 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 who drew the unruly animal will be given a re-ride.
- H. If a drawn animal is turned out for any reason, that animal will become part of the re-ride pen for that performance and if necessary to use, that animal 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 taken by a qualifier, that replacement will be required to compete on the animal drawn for the original qualifier.

### **XIII. Barrel Race**

- A. Barrel Racers must run in and run out. Venue specific ground rules will be posted in the secretary's office. Failure to adhere to these ground rules will result in a \$100 fine.
- B. All contestants with animals must have the following documents for their animals in order to participate in the FINALS:
  - 1. Valid veterinary certificate of inspection or health certificate issued within thirty (30) days of the date of admission to the grounds. Documents must be signed by a licensed veterinarian.
  - 2. Current Coggins test.

- C. If a contestant is not ready when called, the Arena Director in agreement with the PRCA Judges may fine contestant \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. For purposes of these ground rules, “ready when called” shall be defined as the following: contestant must be ready to ride into alley when the “side” alley gate is opened.
- D. Barrel Racing contestants will enter and exit the arena directed by the Arena Director.

#### **XIV. LIVESTOCK**

- A. Stock must be inspected by the Livestock Superintendent at the time of arrival and must be accompanied by current certified veterinary health papers and certificates as required by Texas Law. No sore, lame, sick, or injured animal will be accepted or paid for. This includes any animal with a wound that, in the PRCA's sole discretion, is cosmetically questionable. Any bull requiring tipping of horns shall subject the stock contractor that is supplying that livestock to a single fine of \$250.00 per horn.
- B. 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 per animal not so branded.
- C. Riding event livestock must be removed no later than 12:00 Noon, Sunday, October 14, 2012. Failure to do so will result in a single \$500.00 fine.
- D. 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 FINALS. If such an animal is brought, and thus causes a delay in production, the Stock Contractor will be fined \$250.00 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling.

## **EXHIBIT A - 2012 ALL AMERICAN PRORODEO FINALS GROUND RULES**

### **ADDENDUM TO GROUND RULES WPRA BARREL RACING**

#### **2012 All American ProRodeo Finals**

The terms and conditions set forth in this Addendum shall be incorporated into and be considered part of the 2012 All American ProRodeo Finals Ground Rules, Waco, Texas, October 7-13, 2012, and shall be applicable only to the WPRA barrel racing event:

1. Each WPRA participant, upon confirmation of participation in the 2012 All American ProRodeo Finals, 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 All American ProRodeo Finals and that PRCA shall be the owner of all rights in and to her appearance or other involvement in the 2011 All American ProRodeo Finals.

(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 All American ProRodeo Finals in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the 2012 All American ProRodeo Finals 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 All American ProRodeo Finals, 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 All American ProRodeo Finals 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, September 15, 2011.

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

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the 2012 All American ProRodeo Finals, 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.

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