

RodeoHouston Ground Rules

There will be an extended grace period for the fifty (50) contestants who are entered and meet qualifications to change preferences Jan. 6, 3-5pm CST. Contestants will email Schultz@rodeohouston.com with any preference changes. Draw outs will not be accepted during the extended grace period.

I. Entries

- A. Entry Fee is \$500 per contestant. Entry fees will be paid by RODEOHOUSTON

II. Entry Selection Process

- A. Barrel Race will consist of 50 contestants.

- i. The 50 contestants will be selected from all entries based on the following criteria:

- 1. 5 Entries will be selected for the 2011 NFR Standings; Based on money won through Dec 31, 2010.
 - 2. 45 Entries will be selected from 2010 NFR Standings.
 - 3. If a contestant qualifies in both categories (2011 NFR Standings will be used first.
 - 4. No exemptions will be accepted.
 - 5. All contestants must be in good standing with the WPRA and RODEOHOUSTON.

- B. RODEOHOUSTON and the WPRA will make best efforts to ensure that all positions within each Super Series rodeo are filled with 10 contestants per event.

- C. RODEOHOUSTON will also accept alternate entries for each event. In the event that an entered contestant must release or turnout, prior to the first performance of the respective Super Series, an alternate may advance to compete within that respective Super Series.

- i. Alternates will be accepted up to 30 hours prior to the start of each

- Super Series, through RODEOHOUSTON. Contestants must call 832-667-1115 or email Schultz@rodeohouston.com at least 30 hours prior Central Time.

III. Go-Round Structure

- A. There will be five (5) series of preliminary (Super Series I, II, III, IV and V) rodeos in the RODEOHOUSTON Super Series.

- i. The (10) contestants, for the barrel race will compete in each series.
 - ii. Each Series will consist of three (3) consecutive performances (go-rounds).
 - iii. The five (5) series of rodeos will account for 15 total performances.
 - iv. The overall (aggregate) winners of each series will be determined by the least amount of time in the timed events.

- 1. In the event that only one contestant scores; the entire payout will be paid to

the first place winner. However, only the first place published earning will count toward RODEOHOUSTON

2. In the event that no one scores; the money will be evenly distributed to all contestants within the respective event. The money will not count toward RODEOHOUSTON advancement or official WPRA winnings.

B. The top four (4) contestants from each series, based on total money earned, for a total of 20 contestants, will advance to the Super Series Semifinals (performances 16 and 17, 10 contestants per performance).

i. All contestants qualifying for the Semifinal Round will draw following the third (3) round of their series to determine which semifinal performance they will compete in.

1. Contestants must arrive to the drawing location, (The interviewing platform, just outside the business lounge and rodeo secretary's office), immediately following their event.

a. If the advancing contestants do not arrive within 15 minutes, their position will be drawn for them, with no abilities to trade.

2. Contestants will be given three minutes to trade their semifinal performance. (Contestants may only trade with the other contestants advancing from their respective Super Series.)

ii. Scores do not carry over from the five preliminary (Super Series) rodeos.

iii. Contestants will run in drawn order.

v. In the event that a qualified contestant must release out; the following placed contestant (based upon total money earned) will advance as the replacement.

vi. The top four (4) out of each of the two Semifinals will advance to the RODEOHOUSTON Super Series Championship.

C. The remaining six (6) contestants from each Semifinal that do not qualify for the RODEOHOUSTON Super Series Championship will compete in the Wild Card performance (performance 18).

i. Scores do not carry over from the five preliminary rodeo series, or the Semifinal round.

ii. Contestants will run in drawn order

iii. The top two (2) contestants will advance to the RODEOHOUSTON Super Series Championship (Performance 19).

D. The RODEOHOUSTON Super Series Championship will consist of 10 total contestants for the barrel race.

i. Scores do not carry over from the five preliminary (Super Series) rodeos.

ii. Contestants will run in drawn order.

iii. In the event that a qualified contestant must release out; the contestant will be replaced by the following placed contestant, from the respective Semifinal or Wild Card performance that the original contestant advanced from.

iv. The top four (4) contestants will return for a Championship Shootout round later in the performance. The contestants run in reverse order, where the top scoring performer in prior round goes last, the second best scoring performer goes next to last, etc.

IV. Tie-Breaking Method

A. Super Series Advancement to the Semifinal Tie Breaking Procedures:

Any ties which exist for advancement from the Super Series to the Semifinal Round will be broken with the procedures and in the order as follows;

- i. Determine the best aggregate score or time for an individual from all previous go-rounds; if still a tie,
- ii. Determine the winner from each go-round (in the event, that a tied contestant was first place winner, they will advance); if still a tie,
- iii. Determine best single score or time for an individual from all previous go-rounds; if still a tie,
- iv. The tie will be broken based on the previous year WPRA NFR Standings.

B. Semifinal Advancement to the Championship Round Tie Breaking Procedures:

Any ties which exist for advancement from the Semifinal round to the Championship round will be broken with the procedures and in the order as follows.

- i. Determine the total money earner, from all previous go-rounds; if still a tie,
- ii. Determine the overall best aggregate placing for an individual from their respective Super Series; if still a tie,
- iii. Determine the winner from each go-round (in the event that a tied contestant was a first place winner, they will advance); if still a tie,
- iv. Determine best single score or time for an individual from the Super Series; if still a tie,
- v. The tie will be broken based on previous year WPRA NFR Standings

C. Championship Round Advancement to the Championship Shootout Tie Breaking Procedures:

Any ties which exist for advancement from the Championship Round to the Championship Shootout round will be broken with the procedures and in the order as follows:

- i. Determine the overall best placement for an individual, from their respective Semifinal; if still a tie
- ii. Determine the total money earned, from all previous go-rounds; if still a tie,
- iii. The tie will be broken based on the previous year WPRA NFR Standings.

D. Championship Shootout Tie Breaking Methods:

Any ties which exist for first place in the Championship Shootout round will be broken with the following procedures;

- i. The contestants will compete again, to determine the champion (Super Series Champion); if still a tie,
- ii. Co-RODEOHOUSTON Super Series Champions will be named.
- iii. Ties for second or third place will be treated and reported as ties.
- iv. Official tied place payout(s) will be combined and split evenly between the tied contestants.

V. Payout

A. Every contestant winning a check agrees to be available for a check presentation, media interview, and a minimum one-hour autograph signing session, immediately following her event.

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C. Each contestant must complete a W-9 and give it to the Secretary prior to her first competition, even though the contestant may have a W-9 on file with the WPRA. HLSR will not authorize payment of prize money to any contestant who does not have a valid W-9 on file with HLSR.

VI. Order of Events

The event order is as follows:

First:	Tie-Down Roping
Second:	Bareback
Third:	Team Roping
Fourth:	Saddle Bronc
Fifth:	Steer Wrestling
Sixth:	Bull Riding
Seventh:	Barrel Racing

Barrel Racing will follow the chuck wagon races and the calf scramble event

VII. Timed Events

A. General

- i. Stalls are available at an off-site location (288 Reed Road property) and will be assigned to contestants at arrival on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ii. Contestants with animals must check in at the 288-Reed Road property and present the following to be admitted entrance. Current coggins and health papers.
- iii. Contestants must abide by RODEOHOUSTON rules and regulations for entry and exit with animals. Individuals who violate animal entry policies will be subject to immediate ejection from the premises.
- iv. Contestants are prohibited from riding, leading, tying or stalling horse anywhere on the designated landscaped or lawn areas. Violations will result in a fine or \$100 per occurrence by RODEOHOUSTON.

IX. General

- A. Contestants agree to abide by all posted rules and regulations of RODEOHOUSTON.
- B. Contestants must wear back numbers which are visible at all times upon entrance to, and when in, the arena, whether competing or not.
- C. Contestants must enter facilities via Gate 11 off of Kirby.
- D. Any contestant that enters RODEOHOUSTON and turns out will not be allowed to compete the following year.
- E. Contestants should be aware that RODEOHOUSTON is a family event. Contestants will perform in a manner that is not offensive to any special or ethnic groups and that is suitable for a family audience. Please be mindful that the arena floor is covered with video cameras and microphones; with eight center screens and monitors projecting throughout the clubs and public areas of Reliant Stadium.
- F. RODEOHOUSTON contestants agree to attend an on-site meeting at 5:30pm for weekday performances or 2:30pm for weekend performances, in the Rodeo Contestant Hospitality Room, prior to the first performance of their Super Series

X. Appearances, Press and Media

A. Contestants must be photographed by RODEOHOUSTON photographer and videographer at the time of entry check-in. Their photos will be used for big-screen presentation, television and Web Site.

B. Contestants agree to be available to HLSR staff for media interviews during the days/evenings that they are participating in the Super Series Rodeos, the Super Series Semifinals, the Super Series Wild Card Performance and the Super Series Championship.

C. Contestants agree to make “best case” efforts to be available for public appearances that may be outside of Reliant Stadium and, on occasion, outside the boundaries of Reliant Park. HLSR agrees to cover out of pocket expenses incurred by the contestant in conjunction with appearances outside of Reliant Stadium plus an honorarium of \$150 per appearance. If the contestant is an NFR participant from the previous year an additional honorarium of \$100 per appearance will be paid. If the appearance is not conducted on a day/evening in which the Contestant is competing (at RODEOHOUSTON), an additional honorarium will be negotiated.

D. Autograph Sessions and Bonus Fees:

i. RODEOHOUSTON contestants agree to sign autographs in the “Fan Zone presented by Texas Farm Bureau” (contestant autograph areas), Immediately following their event, for a minimum of 25 minutes.

1. Contestants will be paid \$100 per performance (in which they’ve competed only, and must be paid immediately following the autograph session). In the event that a contestant does not advance from their Super Series to a Semifinal round, and they’ve signed autographs all three performances of their Super Series, they will be given a \$200 bonus following the third performance autograph signing. Championship round contestants will be required to sign autographs.

Performances

1. Super Series I, Go-Round One- March 1 6:45pm

2. Super Series I, Go-Round Two- March 2 6:45pm

3. Super Series I, Go-Round Three

And Super Series I Championship- March 3 6:45pm

4. Super Series II, Go-Round One- March 4 6:45pm

5. Super Series II, Go-Round Two- March 5 3:35pm

6. Super Series II, Go-Round Three

And Super Series II Championship- March 6 3:45pm

7. Super Series III, Go-Round One- March 7 6:45pm

8. Super Series III, Go-Round Two- March 8 6:45pm

9. Super Series III, Go-Round Three

And Super Series III Championship- March 9 6:45pm

10. Super Series IV, Go-Round One- March 10 6:45pm
11. Super Series IV, Go-Round Two- March 11 6:45pm
12. Super Series IV, Go-Round Three
- And Super Series Championship- March 12 3:45pm
13. Super Series V, Go-Round One- March 13 3:45pm
14. Super Series V, Go-Round Two- March 14 6:45pm
15. Super Series V, Go-Round Three
- And Super Series V Championship- March 15 6:45pm
16. Semifinal- March 16 6:45pm
17. Semifinal Two- March 17 6:45pm
18. Wild Card- March 18 6:45pm
19. RODEOHOUSTON Super Series Championship March 19 3:45pm
20. RODHEOHOUSTON Super SHOOTOUT; North America's Champions March 20 3:45pm