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Women's Professional Rodeo Association
WORLD FINALS • LINCOLN, NE
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2012 BARREL RACING GROUND RULES - UPDATED 7/9/2012

CARD HOLDERS/PERMIT ONLY/JUNIORS

I. 2012 WPRA WORLD FINALS FORMAT – GENERAL

A. Rounds

1. The 2012 WPRA World Finals Rodeo Barrel Racing events – Card Holder/Permit Only shall consist of 2 long rounds, a short round (with the top 30 average times from the 2 long rounds taken back to the short round). The fastest 3 run average determines the 2012 WPRA World Finals Champion.
2. **Juniors will consist of 2 long goes only.** The fastest 2 run average determines the 2012 Junior World Finals Champion.
3. This is a 2D format, with a 1/2 second split.

B. Entry Fees

1. \$250 EF + \$100 Stall Fee* + \$20 Office Charge**
- * Shavings are not included in the stall charge. They are available on site. No outside shavings are permitted
- ** All World Finals Contestants: there is a \$20 office charge for entering your first World Finals event and a \$10 charge for the 2nd/3rd/4th events entered.

C. Payoff

1. There is a 70/30 split between the Ds with 100% of the added \$ and 75% of entry fees going into the purse.
2. Purse split: 30% to each long round, 10% to the short round and 30% to the average. Junior will be 50% to each round.

D. Entry Process

1. We will have 2 options available for entering World Finals competition (Card Holder/Permit Only/Junior/Roping) and 4 D Barrel Race. Starting Monday, August 20, 2012, you will be able to enter online directly from the WPRA web site or by calling the WPRA Office.

Phone entries: will be taken Monday through Friday, from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM MT by calling the WPRA office at 719-447-4627. Phone entries open Monday, August 20, 2012 at 9:30 AM MT and close Monday, September 10, 2012 at 4:30 PM MT.

Online entries: will be taken 24/7 from 9:30 AM MT on Monday, August 20, 2012 by accessing the entry link on WPRA. Entries close 9 PM MT Monday, September 10, 2012.

WPRA Members: If you enter online, you will be required to supply your WPRA membership number. At that point, you may enter the WPRA World Finals events (except Futurity/Derby) and the BBR Open 4 D Barrel jackpots. Entry for the Roping jackpot will not be online but will be taken on site.

Non-WPRA Members: You are welcome to enter the BBR Open 4 D jackpots online. When entering online, you may choose to enter a co-approved association's card # or scroll right down to the 4 D jackpot entry area. If you have any questions, please call the WPRA office at 719-447-4627.

E. Payment Information

1. Entry fees, office charges and stall charges must be paid when you enter. There are no late entries for the World Finals Card Holder, Permit Only or Junior events.
2. You may enter the BBR Open 4 D races online. Late entries will be taken on site. If you enter on site there is a late fee of \$15 per day or \$30 for 3 days per person.

F. Release/Turn Out

1. **There are no refunds of any kind.** There are no releases or turnouts for the World Finals events. When you enter online or through the WPRA office you will receive a confirmation number. Once you receive your confirmation number you are in the competition and there are no refunds of any kind. **You may find a substitute for yourself.** You and your substitute must settle all entry fees, stall and office charges between yourselves. In addition, there will be a \$75 substitution fee for the person coming in on substitution. The last day for a substitution is **Monday, September 24, 2012 at 4:30 PM Mountain Time.**

G. Contestants Requirements

1. Contestants will be required to take Victory Laps, sign autographs, etc.
2. World Champions and Event Leaders must attend VIP meet and greet, as posted at rodeo office.
3. Contestants must be present after the final round on Sunday, October 21, 2012 to receive 2012 World Finals awards and 2012 World Standings awards if applicable. If not present the awards are forfeited and go to the next person in order. Dress code required.
4. When you are called you must be ready. There are 3 calls made within 60 seconds after which you will be disqualified.

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II. 2011 WPRA WORLD FINALS FORMAT – CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS

- A. All 2012 and 2013 WPRA Card Holder/Permit Only/Junior members will be eligible to compete at the 2012 World Finals.
- B. Permit holders may use their permit to enter the Permit Only race, Futurity/Derby and Roping events.
- C. You must be current with your financial responsibilities to the WPRA.
- D. Your membership status (card, permit, junior) at the time of entry opening determines which barrel event you may enter.

III. 2011 WORLD FINALS FORMAT – ROUNDS

A. Juniors

- 1. **There will be 2 long rounds only. There is no short round.**
- 2. **Round one will be held Friday, October 19, 2012 not before 12:30 PM** in the Amy Countryman Barrel Arena. Refer to schedule for order of events and updated information. **Round one will be a random draw.**
- 3. **Round two will be held Saturday, October 20, 2012 not before 7:00 PM** in the Amy Countryman Barrel Arena. Refer to schedule for order of events and updated information. **Round two will be run in the reverse order of the first round.**

B. Permit Only/Card Holder

- 1. **There will be 2 long rounds and a short round.**
- 2. **Round one will be held Friday, October 19, 2012 not before 12:30 PM** in the Amy Countryman Barrel Arena. Refer to schedule for order of events and updated information. **Round one will be a random draw.**
- 3. **Round two will be held Saturday, October 20, 2012 not before 12:00 PM** in the Amy Countryman Barrel Arena. Refer to schedule for order of events and updated information. **Round two will be run in the reverse order of the first round.**
- 4. **Short round** will be the top 30 average times from rounds one and two. It will be held on **Sunday, October 21, 2012 not before 11:00 AM** in the Amy Countryman Barrel Arena. Refer to schedule for order of events and updated information. **Finals Round will be a random draw.**

IV. WPRA MISCELLANEOUS

A. Drag after every 5 runs

B. CARRY OVER TIMES

- 1. There ARE carry over times from the WPRA World Finals barrel race to the Open 4-D Barrel Race.

C. ARENA PRIORITY

- 1. If a contestant is scheduled to compete in both the Amy Countryman Barrel Arena and the Roping Arena in separate competitions at the same time, the Amy Countryman Barrel Arena will take precedent and every effort will be made to move contestants in the Roping Arena. It is a Contestant's responsibility to notify WPRA World Finals office/staff before hand of the conflict so arrangements can be made.

D. Filling Your Permit at the 2012 World Finals

- 1. Only \$ won in the Permit Only barrel race counts towards filling your permit.
- 2. If you fill your permit while at the 2012 World Finals, you may continue to compete BUT any \$ won in excess over the \$1,000 permit limit does not count toward your WPRA Card.

E. Money won in the 2012 World Finals Card Holder race will count towards the 2013 WPRA Pro Rodeo Standings BUT ONLY FOR QUALIFICATIONS INTO THE LIMITED ENTRY RODEOS. In addition, the contestant must have competed at a minimum of 10 PRCA/WPRA rodeos during the 2012 rodeo season.

F. WPRA Rule Book Knowledge

- 1. Contestants are responsible for having knowledge of applicable WPRA rules, and procedures in events entered. These Ground Rules supersede any other rule contained in WPRA RULEBOOK.

G. Health Certificates & Coggins Required – **Whether in or Out of State**

- 1. All contestants (both in and out of state) are required to have current Coggins and Health Certificates. Contestants without a current Coggins and Health Certificate will be turned away.
- 2. You are REQUIRED to bring your current Coggins and Health Certificate to the office when checking in.

H. Your Financial Responsibilities

- 1. All bills associated with the WPRA World Finals must be settled with the WPRA Accountant (who will be at the Finals) before you leave the Lancaster facility. Failure to settle your bills will result in a \$50 service charge.

I. WPRA Junior World Title

The Junior World title will be awarded to the contestant who has won the most combined money throughout the year and at the Finals event.

J. You Must Stall at Night

At night (after 11:30 PM), horses must be stalled at the Lancaster Event Center or taken off location. At night (after 11:30 PM), tie-outs or the use of portable fences (electric or panel) is strictly prohibited anywhere on the facility. If caught violating this GR, you will be fined \$100 per occurrence and can not compete until the fine is paid.

K. Non-Nebraskan Tax

Non-Nebraskan Residents will be subject a withholding tax on all earnings. The withholding amounts are 4% on the first \$28000 and 6% on anything above \$28000. They can deduct expenses up to 50% of total earnings prior to tax calculation. No checks will be released until the office has received a signed copy of the contestants' W-4NA Nebraska Withholding Certificate for Nonresident Individuals.

For More Assistance: Call your Circuit Director or the WPRA Office (719) 447-4627