

2011 All American ProRodeo Finals Event – WPRA Barrel Racing October 7-15, 2011 GROUND RULES

I. QUALIFIERS

- A. Only 30 contestants per event will qualify to compete in the 2011 All American ProRodeo Finals Event (“EVENT”). The top 30 contestants with the highest accumulated All American ProRodeo Series Points in the 2011 All American ProRodeo Series Standings based on participation requirements, who enter through PROCOM will qualify for the event.
- B. Filling of Remaining Positions - If not enough Qualifiers are available after entry closing to fill the EVENT contestant positions available, Non-Qualifiers who are Financially Eligible and Competition Eligible, and who have satisfied the requirements of participation (competing in a minimum of 30 All American ProRodeo Series Rodeos) shall be accepted as contestants, in order of their ranking in the All American ProRodeo Series Standings for that event, until all available positions have been filled. Eligible Contestants must enter the EVENT through PROCOM. If not enough Non-Qualifiers who meet these requirements are available after entry to fill the EVENT contestant positions available, the participation rule may be waived and the remaining positions may 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 EVENT awards or titles nor will any prize money won count toward qualification to 2012 limited entry rodeos per WPRA Rulebook. All positions filled by Non-Qualifiers will be determined, assigned and drawn by PROCOM.
- C. Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s) in any event, only 30 contestants will qualify. The tie will be broken in favor of those with the highest total money won at regular season WPRA-sanctioned rodeos in the rodeo event in which there is a tie that end on or before September 13, 2011.
- D. Rankings going into the EVENT will be determined as follows: The contestant with the highest accumulated 2011 All American Series Points will be ranked #1, with the second position awarded to the contestant with the second highest accumulated 2011 All American Series Points. The remaining contestants will be ranked similarly.

II. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- A. Contestants must enter by calling PROCOM from Tuesday, September 20, 2011 10:00am Mountain Daylight Time thru Wednesday, September 21 10:00am Mountain Daylight Time. All contestants must be financially eligible and competition eligible at time of entry closing.

- B. Card holder substitution will be done for all releases, visible injuries (VI) and notified turn-outs (TO), referred to as 'notified turnouts', received 30 hours prior to the start of the 1st go-round. Alternates will be taken from a list of contestant who entered and were drawn out due to qualifications. Alternate replacement will follow the procedures established in section I. Only contestants that entered the EVENT but were drawn out due to qualification are eligible to be an alternate, but will not be required to re-enter. Deadlines eligible for replacement are as follows (Mountain Daylight Time):
- Group A 1st go-round deadline: 12:00 p.m., Thursday October 6th
 - Group B 1st go-round deadline: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 8th
 - Group C 1st go-round deadline: 12:00 p.m., Monday, October 10th
- Notifications made after the 30 hour deadline will not be replaced.

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

- A. Substitutions will not be allowed after the 30 hour deadline. If a DR, VI or TO is replaced, both contestants, the contestant originally scheduled to compete and the alternate contestant, will be responsible for entry fees.

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

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 NO 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 EVENT.
- B. If injured, a contestant (with valid letter from the official EVENT 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.
- C. A non-valid turn out after competing at the EVENT will result in disqualification, loss of monies won, and a \$1,500 fine.

V. GENERAL

- A. By entering to compete in the 2011 All American ProRodeo Series Finals Event to be held at the Heart O' Texas Coliseum in Waco, TX, October 7 – 15, 2011, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these ground rules and all other Addenda and Exhibits to these Ground Rules, the WPRA ByLaws and Official 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 -WPRA Release and Waiver and Choice of Venue form, (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 EVENT will be designated as an “unofficial entry rodeo” for all contestants.
- D. Dollars won at the EVENT will not count towards Texas Circuit Standings or towards Texas Circuit rodeo count in regards to the qualification to the Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo. In addition dollars won at the EVENT will count for the 2012 Limited Rodeos only.
- 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.

Prior to 1 st performance:	Top event leaders coming into EVENT (Group A)
Prior to 2 nd performance:	Top event leader from 1 st go-round (Group A)
Prior to 3 rd performance:	Top event leaders coming into EVENT (Group B)
Prior to 4 th performance:	Top event leaders from 1 st go-round (Group B)
Prior to 5 th performance:	Top event leaders coming into EVENT (Group C)
Prior to 6 th performance:	Top event leaders from 1 st go-round (Group C)
Prior to 7 th performance:	Top event leaders from 1 st & 2 nd go based on money won
Prior to 8 th performance:	Top event leaders from the progressive go-round
Prior to 9 th Performance	Top event leaders from the 8 th Performance

- 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. Patches: 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 EVENT.
- 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 an EVENT 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 EVENT 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 EVENT back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the EVENT back number in its entirety as outlined above will result in a fine of \$1000.00 for the first offense, \$2000.00 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 Pro Officials assigned to officiate that event that a contestant did not give an honest effort, she 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:

Barrel Race: In the barrel race, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, her horse through the electric eyes (unless the Pro Officials 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 the WPRA Rulebook, and will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$500.00, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.

VI. CHECK-IN

- A. Contestants, EVENT Officials, and EVENT Contract Personnel are required to check-in at the Rodeo Secretary's office (or designated area determined by the Rodeo Secretary) at the Heart O' Texas Coliseum in Waco, TX between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. prior to the first go around 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 18, 2011. Failure to do so shall result in a \$500.00 fine per horse left in the stalls past the deadline.

VII. MEETING/REHEARSAL

- A. All contestants (scheduled to compete in that night's performance), stock contractors, EVENT Officials, and EVENT 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 Heart O' Texas Coliseum in Waco, TX. Contestants qualifying for Performance 7, 8 and 9 are required to attend a meeting and rehearsal prior to those performances. **NOTE: Sunday's October 9 performance rehearsal will be at 2:00 p.m.**
- a. **Group A: Meeting & Rehearsal Friday, October 7 5:00 p.m.**
 - b. **Group B: Meeting & Rehearsal Sunday, October 9 2:00 p.m.**
 - c. **Group C: Meeting & Rehearsal Tuesday, October 11 5:00 p.m.**
 - d. **Progressive Qualifiers: Meeting & Rehearsal Thursday, October 13 5:00 p.m.**

- e. **Quarter-Finals Qualifiers: Meeting & Rehearsal Friday, October 14 5:00 p.m.**
 - f. **Semi-Finals Qualifiers: Meeting & Rehearsal Saturday, October 15 5:00 p.m.**
- B. Failure to attend the meeting or attend the rehearsal shall result in a \$250.00 fine for each event missed.

VIII. FORMAT

- A. The EVENT will be a nine performance rodeo. The first six performance will consist of two full go rounds back-to-back, performance-to-performance. Group A consisting of 10 contestants will compete performance 1 & 2. Group B consisting of 10 contestants will compete performance 3 & 4. Group C consisting of 10 contestants will compete performance 5 & 6. **There will be no average.** A progressive round will be held during the seventh performance. The eighth performance will be the quarter-finals round with the ninth performance being the semi-finals that will also include a sudden death format for the finals.

B. **Advancement to Progressive Round:**

The top 4 contestants from Group A, Group B and Group C based on money won in the group will advance to the progressive performance (12 contestants). Positions in the progressive round will be random draw as no times or scores will carry from the previous go rounds.

Advancement to Quarter Finals Round:

The top 10 contestants based on fastest time at the conclusion of the progressive go round will advance to the quarter finals performance to be held during the eighth performance. No times will carry and positions will be determined by random draw.

Advancement to Semi Finals Round:

The top 8 contestants from the quarter finals round based on fastest time will advance to the semi-finals. No previous times will carry and positions will be determined by random draw.

Finals Round:

The top 4 contestants (4 teams) based on fastest time will advance to the final round. Contestants will compete in reverse order of fastest time. Contestants will compete in a "sudden death" format, with the fastest time winning the round and being the Event champion.

C. **Tie Breakers:**

1. **Advancement: To the progressive 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 2011 All American ProRodeo Series Standings coming into the EVENT. 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 in any go-round.
2. **Advancement: To the Quarter-finals or Semi-finals or to the Finals.**
If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the fastest time in the previous round. If there is still a tie refer to C 1.

3. EVENT Winner: If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the fastest time 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 8 performances one set of prizes will be given by the Committee and the winner will be determined as listed above in C.2. The other contestant may purchase said prizes at cost through the Committee.
- 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 will advance.

IX. ENTRY FEES / PAYOFF

- A. Entry Fees for all events will be \$250.00
- B. For the full go-rounds, should there be fewer qualified times than the number of places to be paid, the payoff, eligibility for Finals Points, etc. shall be handled according to the WPROA Rulebook.
- 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 a go round or in the semi-finals or finals the payoff will be divided equally among all who competed
In the event of a tie involving a qualified 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. There will be a payoff in each and every performance. The Minimum Guaranteed Payoff for performances 1 – 8 is **\$49,428.57** Each performance will be paid as follows:

****NO AVERAGE PAYOFF****

1st place: \$2,471.43

2nd place: \$1,853.57

3rd place: \$1,235.71

4th place: \$617.86

- E. Minimum payoff for the semi-finals: **\$4,500.00**

1st place: \$1,500.00

2nd place: \$1,250.00

3rd place: \$1,000.00

4th place: \$750.00

- F. Minimum payoff for the finals: **\$12,500.00**

1st place: \$7,500.00

2nd 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 groups:

Group A (will compete in the first and second performances):

Contestants ranked 3,4,9,10,15,16,21,22,27,28

Group B (will compete in the third and fourth performance):

Contestants ranked 2,5,8,11,14,17,20,23,26,29

Group 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 each group's first go-round.
- C. Progressive Round: Random Draw.
- D. Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals: Random Draw.
- E. Finals: Reverse order of the fastest time from the semi-finals round.
- F. If contestants are conflicted with a Circuit Finals Rodeo do to their ranking they may request a move through PROCOM when they enter. No other trades will be accepted.

XI. BARREL RACING

- 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 \$100.00 fine.
- B. All contestants with animals must have the following documents for their animals in order to participate in the EVENT:
 - 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, 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 ready to ride into alley when the judge opens the gate.
- D. Barrel Racing contestants will enter and exit the arena as directed by the Arena Director.

EXHIBIT A - 2011 ALL AMERICAN PRORODEO FINALS GROUND RULES

ADDENDUM TO GROUND RULES WPRA BARREL RACING

2011 All American ProRodeo Finals

The terms and conditions set forth in this Addendum shall be incorporated into and be considered part of the 2011 All American ProRodeo Finals Ground Rules, Waco, Texas, October 7-15, 2011, and shall be applicable only to the WPRA barrel racing event:

1. Each WPRA participant, upon confirmation of participation in the 2011 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 2011 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 2011 All American ProRodeo Finals in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the 2011 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 2011 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 2011 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 2011 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.

Date: _____

By: _____
Signature

Card Number: _____

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