



Women's Professional Rodeo Association

World Championship Barrel Racing®

WPRO Permit Holder 101

Below are tips to guide you through your year(s) as a Women's Professional Rodeo Association Permit Holder. This information is not intended to replace the WPRO rulebook. If you have additional questions refer to your rulebook or contact the WPRO office or your Circuit Director.

Tip # 1—Understand the difference between a card and a permit.

- All members start as a “permit holder” and must win \$1,000 at WPRO approved PRCA rodeos (that accept permits) in the breakaway or barrels, in the 1D at WPRO Divisional Circuit Co-approved jackpot barrel races or WPRO Co-approved breakaway jackpots, to purchase a card.
- Money won carries over from year to year as long as membership deadlines are met.
- A WPRO card membership entitles members to go to more rodeos, Circuit Finals events and voting privileges.
- Only card holder winnings show in the Pro Rodeo standings.

Tip # 2—Know how WPRO Divisional Circuit Co-approved jackpots help fill a permit.

- The WPRO co-approves over 1100 Divisional Circuit Co-approved jackpots across the country. Find them on the WPRO website under the schedule tab.
- Winnings in the 1D in the barrels or winnings in the breakaway at these events count towards filling your permit.
- You will not show up in the barrel Divisional Circuit standings until you fill your permit and purchase your card. As a permit holder, you will show up in the breakaway Divisional Circuit standings.

Tip # 3—Become familiar with rodeo entry information.

- Rodeo information can be found on the WPRO website — please check listings frequently for updates.
- The schedule will have important information about each rodeo.
 - **EOO**—the date and time (MT) entries open
 - **EC**—the date and time (MT) entries close
 - **Eligibility**—If the rodeo accepts permit holders, circuit permit holders, card holders etc.
 - **Member Dues**—the date your membership has to be received in the WPRO office with payment to be eligible to enter the rodeo.
 - **Ground Rules**—Each rodeo has its own set of ground rules, be sure to read them carefully.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WPRO Office Phone:
719-447-4627

WPRO Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (MT)
Closed 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Procom Phone: 800-234-7722
WPRO Membership Portal:
<https://portal.wpro.com/home>

Permit Membership Benefits

- **Enter regular season WPRO approved rodeos (that accept permits) as well as...**
 - WPRO World Finals Permit Only Race in Waco, TX
 - Divisional Circuit Permit Finals
 - WPRO Divisional Circuit races
 - Futurity/Derby and Roping Divisions
 - Pro Elite Sire Incentive (PESI) Program
- **Receive WPRO News**
- **Receive Accident Insurance**



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Tip # 4—Know how to enter a rodeo.

- Enter online through your WPRA membership portal for WPRA barrel races or breakaways at PRCA rodeos only.
- Make sure you know the following when entering:
 - **Your WPRA Membership portal username and password**
 - **The rodeo city you want to enter**
 - **Your 2 preferences as to when you want to compete or parameters you wish to use**
- **NOTE: You may have a preference for when you are up in the first go round, a specific slack is also a preference.**
- Don't wait until the last minute to enter a rodeo. When entries close, they close.
- When entering, make note of when "call backs" are to know where you are placed at the rodeo.
- Keep your confirmation number. Confirmation numbers are proof that an entry took place in case of a discrepancy.

Tip # 5—Make sure to pay your entry fees on time.

- **Option #1**—When you get to the rodeo, go to the Secretary's office, check in and pay your fees on location.
 - **Option #2**—Through the WPRA Membership Portal, www.portal.wpra.com
 - **Option #3**—By calling the WPRA Office during business hours.
- Entry fees need to be received in the WPRA office by the Tuesday following the end of the rodeo by 3:00 pm MT to avoid late fees.

Tip # 6—Understand the difference between a turn out and a release.

- **Turn Out:** You are responsible to pay entry fees and your turn out fines.
 - **Notified turn out**—Call Procom at least 3 hours before your performance or slack. \$20 fine for slack, \$50 fine for a performance.
 - **Non-notified turn out**—When you call Procom less than 3 hours or you didn't call at all, there is a \$40 fine for slack, \$125 fine for a performance.
- **Release:** Call Procom at least 3 hours before your scheduled performance or slack. \$25 fine per rodeo (no entry fee).
NOTE: You cannot compete for 7 days starting the day you were scheduled to compete.
- **Be sure to use the correct language. Listen to what Procom confirms back to you.**

Tip # 7—Know your options if you can't make it to the rodeo that you entered.

- **Option #1**—Consider a draw out, after entries close during grace period. Contact Procom. Fines do not apply.
- **Option #2**—Consider a release or notified turn out if the entries are closed. Contact Procom. Fines apply.

Tip # 8 —Sign up for RodeoPay to collect rodeo earnings.

- With RodeoPay, if you place at a rodeo, winnings are deposited directly into your bank account.
- Without RodeoPay, you will be mailed a check for your winnings minus a \$10 check writing fee.
- To set up a RodeoPay account, visit www.rodeopay.com

Tip # 9—Understand what to do when you fill your permit.

- You are responsible to track your winnings. You can also call the WPRA office to confirm your total winnings.
- Once you fill your permit you have two (2) options: Upgrade to a rookie card (\$225). (Your first year as a card holder is your Rookie year). Or you can obtain a second permit for \$225 to finish the season. The following season you will have to purchase your rookie card.

Tip # 10—Other valuable WPRA programs.

- Develop future rodeo horses with the Futurity/Derby program. Nominate your horse(s) to earn points at WPRA approved races. For nomination forms and information visit www.wpra.com.
- Breed to the best rodeo horses with the Pro Elite Sire Incentive (PESI program) — Enroll your horse(s) in the PESI to collect bonus money at approved PESI Bonus Money races, including WPRA World Finals. For enrollment forms and more information visit www.wpra.com.