

# 2021 CIRCUIT FINALS RODEO

## GROUND RULES

### **Membership & Eligibility**

1. Contestant members should refer to PRCA Rule B9.3-B9.3.1.
  - a. A PRCA member who is a non-US citizen will be eligible to participate in the PRCA Circuit Finals Rodeo of his Circuit designation for the 2021 dues paying year providing such member meets the Required Participation Rodeo Rule as approved by the Director of Rodeo Administration and printed in the PRCA Business Journal.
  - b. WPRA circuit residents must compete at 30% of their circuit rodeos. Non-residents must compete at 40% of their circuit rodeos.
  
2. Should a contestant qualify for the RNCFR or NCF SR, contestant must renew their current year membership by the RNCFR/NCF SR member dues deadline as listed in the PRCA Business Journal or WPRN. As such, if a contract personnel member is selected to work the RNCFR or NCF SR, they must renew their membership prior to the start of either event.

### **Entries & Substitutions**

1. Official Entry Rodeo:
  - a. Money won at 2021 Maple Leaf Circuit Finals will count towards 2022 CPRA standings.
  
  - b. Money won at all 2021 season Circuit Finals Rodeo will count towards 2022 PRCA/WPRA World Standings and qualification for 2022 limited entry rodeos per R1.2.14 and R1.2.15 (WPRA rules as applicable).
  
  - c. Positions will be filled per B9.4.5 (WPRA 8.8.1)
  
  - d. If a contestant has not met the required participation requirements, per PRCA rule B9.4.5.3 (WPRA rule 8.8.3.1):
    - i. No year-end awards or advancement to RNCFR or NCF SR.
  
  - e. If a contestant has not met the required participation requirements, per PRCA rule B9.4.5.1 (WPRA rule 8.8.3.1):
    - i. Money won at a circuit finals rodeo will not count toward PRCA or WPRA World Standings or qualifications for limited entry rodeos.
    - ii. Rodeo will be considered an unofficial entry.

- iii. No year–end awards or advancement to RNCFR or NCF SR.
2. Qualification Cut-off:
  - a. Qualification cut–off will be September 30, 2021
3. Team Roping:
  - a. Top qualifying headers who satisfy the Required Participation Rule must rope with the top qualifying heelers who satisfy the Required Participation Rule at the Circuit Finals Rodeo.
  - b. If a team member enters the Circuit Finals Rodeo and has not satisfied the Required Participation Rule or does not qualify due to the order of his ranking, after entries close, that team member will be drawn out and the next qualifier in order of the standings who enters the Circuit Finals Rodeo will be added.
  - c. If a team member has roped as a header and a heeler during the rodeo year, his count will be combined but his money will remain separate.
4. Entries to Fill Open Position(s):
  - a. There will be an established re-entry period for any open positions.
    - i. Positions will be filled in accordance with B9.4.5.
    - ii. Re-entry contestants will not displace any originally entered contestant regardless of money won or participation requirements.
  - b. Entries to fill open position(s) after re-entries may be accepted by CRES.
    - i. Step one, in order of Required Participation Rodeo Rule with money won from those who had not entered.
    - ii. Step two, by contestants who did not meet the Required Participation Rodeo Rule with money won from those who had not entered.
  - c. Contestant entries accepted by the CRES must be financially eligible and in good standings at the time of entry closing to be eligible to fill open position(s).
  - d. 2<sup>nd</sup>/Dual entries will not be accepted for any Circuit Finals Rodeo
5. Substitutions:
  - a. Prior to the First go–round, a substitute entry will be allowed.
  - b. Substitutes will be the highest ranked eligible contestants available.

- c. CRES will contact highest ranked eligible contestant who entered. Rodeo secretary will only recognize CRES making substitute entry.
- d. Team roping substitutions:
  - i. Any team entered in the team roping event at the Circuit Finals Rodeo suffering disabling injury or illness to either partner during the time period of the Circuit Finals Rodeo may be allowed to continue roping with a substitute partner chosen from among the following options: (i) the non-injured/non-ill partner (the “original partner”) may choose to add the next highest ranked contestant who is not already participating in the Circuit Finals Rodeo team roping and who has not declined to participate in the Circuit Finals Rodeo team roping due to injury or illness, who is in the same category of competitors as the injured or ill partner (i.e., header or heeler), who is Financially Eligible and Competition Eligible, and has satisfied the requirements of the Required Participation Rule and who has confirmed entry in the Circuit Finals Rodeo; or (ii) any contestant entered in the Circuit Finals Rodeo but not already competing in team roping.
  - ii. If the next highest ranked individual who qualifies under option (i) is not available or is unwilling to participate, the original partner must choose a replacement from category (ii). If the original partner chooses the next highest ranked header or heeler under option (i) above and that substitute partner is willing to participate but is unable to arrive in time for the next scheduled performance, the original partner may turn out of the next scheduled performance.
  - iii. If the original partner chooses a replacement partner under option (i), the replacement partner shall be eligible to win the Circuit Finals Rodeo Champion in the team roping header or heeler category but shall not be eligible for All-Around points. If the original partner chooses a replacement partner under option (ii), the replacement partner will not be eligible for the team roping Circuit Finals Rodeo Champion, nor will the replacement partner’s points earned in the team roping apply to the All-Around Standings.
  - iv. Regardless of whether the replacement partner comes from category (i) or (ii), the newly formed team will be eligible for go-round money, but will only be eligible for the average pay-off if this newly formed team competes in all go-rounds. The original member of the newly formed team will be eligible for the team roping Circuit Finals Rodeo Championship, and points won will be applied to the All-Around Standings for the original partner if he

meets the criteria outlined in Bylaw B13.2 and other applicable sections of the PRCA Rulebook.

- v. Once a substitute has competed, the original team cannot be reformed.
  
- e. If not enough eligible contestants enter, then CRES will contact highest ranked eligible contestant according to Circuit standings.
  
- f. Substitute entry will take the original position of the contestant being replaced.

### **Entry Fees & Payoff**

1. Minimum of \$75 entry fee per go-round.
2. All Circuit Finals Rodeos will pay four (4) places in all go-rounds and the average.
3. No Circuit Finals rodeo will be allowed a short-go round.
4. All contestants will compete in the same number of go-rounds, in all events.

### **Competition Positions**

1. First go-round:
  - a. Contestants will compete in the reverse order of the qualifier standings.  
Go round one – 10-1
  
  - b. LBR contestants will compete in order of the qualifiers standings.  
Go round one – 1-10
  
2. Second and subsequent go-rounds:
  - a. Contestants will compete in the reversed order of the fastest time/highest marked score in the average in previous go-round(s). Or qualifying standings if no time or score in previous rounds.
  
  - b. LBR contestants second go-round will be reverse order of the qualifiers standings coming into the circuit finals rodeo. Third go-round will be a random draw at the rodeo by the secretary. Fourth go-round will be reverse.

### **Riding Events**

1. Stock Draw:
  - a. Will be in accordance with CPRA rules.

- b. Stock will be drawn for the first go-round in order of the qualifiers standings prior to the Circuit Finals Rodeo.
- c. Stock Draw in Second and Subsequent Go-rounds:
  - i. Start drawing with contestant that is three positions lower than contestant where stock was drawn in previous go-round.  
EXAMPLE: 1st Go: 12-1; 2nd Go: 9-1 then 12-10; 3rd Go: 6-1 then 12-7

### **Timed Events**

- 1. Stock Draw:
  - a. Timed Event Stock Draw will be according to competition position in that round.
  - b. Drawing procedure will be determined by the CPRA Rule Book.
- 2. Score lines will be set by the CPRA Rule Book.
- 3. Team Roping will be limited to two (2) loops.
- 4. All hazers must have been an active 2021 CPRA member in good standings to be eligible to haze at a circuit finals rodeo.
  - a. Failure to designate an active, eligible CPRA member will result in a \$500 fine per occurrence.
- 5. Contestant splits must be done 2 hours prior to the performance. Failure to meet the deadline will result in \$100 fine for each contestant involved.

### **Tie Breakers**

- 1. Tie Breaker for determining position order where times or scores are identical.
  - a. First tie breaker will be single fastest time or highest marked score in any go-round.
  - b. Second tie breaker will be single fastest time or highest marked score in any other go-round.
  - c. Third tie breaker will be the qualifiers standings prior to Finals competition.
- 2. Tie breakers for Title:
  - a. In case of a tie for Year-end Champion, winner will be the contestant finishing highest in the average at the Circuit Finals Rodeo.
  - b. If still tied, go to tie breakers:

- i. First tie breaker will be single fastest time or highest marked score in any go-round at the Finals.
  - ii. Second tie breaker will be the second single fastest time or highest marked score in any other go-round at the Finals.
  - iii. Third tie breaker will be the qualifier's standings prior to Finals competition.
- c. The same tie breaking procedures will be used in determining the Circuit Finals Rodeo average winner or for any continued qualifications including the Ram National Circuit Finals Rodeo.
- d. In the event that there is a tie in the average, and one of the contestants is also the year-end champion, that contestant will advance as the year-end champion. The remaining contestant that tied for the average will advance as the average champion.

### **Penalties & Exceptions**

1. Contestants who enter Circuit Finals Rodeo and fail to compete in all go-rounds may be fined \$300.
  - a. Fine may be waived only if contestant notifies rodeo secretary and/or CRES thirty (30) hours prior to the First performance **and** a substitute entry is found.
  - b. All year-end award(s), titles, or qualification for other compensation including advancement to the National Circuit Finals Rodeo, will be forfeited by contestant failing to enter and/or compete in all go-rounds at the Circuit Finals Rodeo.
  - c. Championship title, recognition and awards will go to next qualified contestant who competed in all go-rounds at the Circuit Finals Rodeo.
2. Exception for contestant who has entered and has a valid Doctor or Visible Injury Release:
  - a. In order for doctor release to be valid at Circuit Finals Rodeo, contestant must be entered then doctor released. Previous doctor release does not constitute accepted release.
  - b. Visible Injury Release must be due to injury received at Circuit Finals Rodeo.
  - c. If a valid Doctors Release or Visible Injury is granted, that contestant will be eligible for Championship title, recognition/awards, and advancement.

- d. Contestant may not compete at any other rodeo or stand-alone event during the duration of the Circuit Finals Rodeo.
  - i. If any contestant is found to have a fraudulent Doctors Release or Visible Injury release, that contestant will forfeit any money or awards won and be ineligible to advance to the RNCFR.
  - ii. Additional fines may be levied as per the CPRA rulebook.

## **Livestock**

1. A final list of stock must be provided to CRES.
  - a. 1st go-round Stock draw for circuit finals will be done by CRES in accordance with the rulebook.
  - b. Once a final stock list has been submitted to CRES, the list cannot be changed for any reason. Exceptions must be approved by CRES and Rodeo Administrator.
  - c. Subsequent go-rounds will be drawn at the circuit finals rodeo.

## **Advancement**

1. Money won at Circuit Finals Rodeo will be added to circuit year-end standings for that event.
2. Per B9.7.2 (WPRA 8.14.2.1) the year-end money winner in that event (by dollar won and required participation requirements and who competed in all go-rounds of the circuit finals rodeo) will advance to the National Circuit Finals Rodeo.
3. Per B9.7.2 the Circuit Finals Rodeo average champion in that event will advance to the National Circuit Finals Rodeo (so long as the required participation count was met and contestant competed in all go-rounds of the circuit finals rodeo).
  - a. Should the Average Champion be ineligible to advance due to not meeting the required participation count, the advancement opportunity will fall to the next qualified contestant (by money won and required participation) in the Circuit Finals Rodeo average standings for that event.
  - b. If the next qualified average contestant is also the Year-End Champion, that contestant will advance as the Average Champion. The next qualified contestant in the year end standings (by money won and required participation and who competed at the Circuit Finals Rodeo) will advance to the National Circuit Finals Rodeo.
  - c. If the Circuit Finals Rodeo Average Champion is qualified to advance to the National Circuit Finals Rodeo but chooses not to participate, the

position will go to the next qualified contestant (by dollar won and required participation and who competed in all go-rounds of the Circuit Finals Rodeo) in the Year-End Standings for that event.

4. In the WPRA barrel racing when the average winner cannot/is not qualified to advance to the RNCFR, the replacement will be based on WPRA rule 8.14.2.1

### **Circuit Finals Awards**

1. Each circuit may provide additional circuit finals rodeo awards.
  - a. These may be specific with no limit as to the value or type of award given.
  - b. These awards must be approved by each circuit board of directors.