

JUSTIN BOOTS CHAMPIONSHIPS | OMAHA, NE

1. QUALIFIERS

- A. By entering to compete in the 2014 Justin Boots Championships (“CHAMPIONSHIPS”) to be held in Omaha, Nebraska September 25-26, 2014, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these ground rules, the CHAMPIONSHIPS Patch Sponsorship Rules Addendum and all other Addenda and Exhibits to these Ground Rules, the PRCA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules, and for barrel racers, the WPRA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules, and any other applicable rules, including all releases of liability set forth in those documents. In addition, All CHAMPIONSHIPS contestants will be required to sign a CHAMPIONSHIPS specific liability waiver prior to receiving their contestant back number.
- B. Twenty-four qualifiers (24 teams) in each event for the CHAMPIONSHIPS shall be the top 24 contestants (24 teams) in the 2014 PRCA World Standings (including any official money won at any PRCA-sanctioned rodeo that ends on or before September 21, 2014) and the WPRA pro rodeo standings. Each person who qualifies and confirms his/her intent to compete must also complete and sign “PRCA Release and Waiver and Choice of Venue” form, and for barrel racers, the “WPRA Release and Waiver and Choice of Venue” (contained in Exhibits A and B respectively), and these documents must be received by the Rodeo Secretary prior to the first scheduled competition in order to be eligible to compete.
- C. In the team roping, the top 24 qualifying headers must rope with the top 24 qualifying heelers. Team ropers are to designate partners when calling PROCOM to confirm competition (see item 1.F.). Should there be a discrepancy in partner designation; the latest confirmation to PROCOM will be accepted. Any team roping qualifier without a designated partner will have a partner assigned by Rodeo Administration, that determination made by a random drawing.
- D. Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s) in any event, only 24 will qualify, and the tie will be broken in favor of those with the highest total money won (unofficial & official combined) at PRCA and, for barrel racers, WPRA sanctioned rodeos in that event during the 2014 Rodeo Year at PRCA-sanctioned rodeos which end on or before September 21, 2014.
- E. With the exception of the team roping (see item 1.F) rankings coming into the CHAMPIONSHIPS will be from highest to lowest, per the 2014 PRCA World Standings and, for barrel racers, WPRA pro rodeo standings (as referenced in 1.B of these ground rules)
- F. In the team roping, once all headers and heelers are ranked by using the procedure outlined above, the ranking of the team will be determined as follows: the number one header and the number one heeler will pull their partners to assume the first place or second place ranking, with that determination based on the official 2014 PRCA World Standings (as referenced in 1.B of these ground rules). This procedure will continue until all teams are ranked.
- G. COMPETITION CONFIRMATION. The top 24 contestants (24 teams) must confirm intent to compete by calling PROCOM from 12:00 PM (Mountain Time) Monday, September 22, 2014 to

12:00 PM (Mountain Time) Tuesday, September 23, 2014. Contestant must be Financially Eligible and Competition Eligible at time of entry closing.

- H. The top 24 contestants (24 teams) not confirmed by 12:00 PM (Mountain Time) Tuesday, September 23, 2014 will be fined \$100.
- I. TRADES. Championship contestants will be allowed to trade positions. Trade deadline will be 5PM (Mountain Time) Wednesday, September 24, 2014.
- J. All those who are not residents of Nebraska will be subject to Nebraska State Withholding Tax.
- K. Current health papers and coggins papers are required for all contestant horses and will be checked by CHAMPIONSHIPS Staff prior to entry onto grounds.

2. CONTESTANT INFORMATION

- A. Check-In: CHAMPIONSHIPS Contestants, CHAMPIONSHIPS Stock Contractors, CHAMPIONSHIPS Officials and CHAMPIONSHIPS Contract Personnel are required to check in at the Rodeo Secretary's office (or designated area determined by the Rodeo Secretary) between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. on the day of each performance. (Contract Personnel please note: This check-in time is in addition to any contractual requirements of the Production Manager.) 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 fine. All CHAMPIONSHIPS personnel with the exception of CHAMPIONSHIPS contestants will be required to have an arena specific photo card to be allowed on the competition arena floor.
- B. Tickets: Contestants and stock contractors will receive no more than one free ticket for each performance to be picked up at the rodeo secretary's office.
- C. Hazers: Steer Wrestling contestants are to report the name of their hazer to the Rodeo Secretary at the time of check-in. Any hazer who is not already a contestant must have a back number and is required to sign all releases and any other required documents. The back number entitles only that person access to the arena area.
- D. Meeting Rehearsal: CHAMPIONSHIPS Contestants, CHAMPIONSHIPS Stock Contractors, CHAMPIONSHIPS Officials and CHAMPIONSHIPS Contract Personnel are required to attend a meeting and rehearsal, scheduled for 2:00 P.M. the day of each performance. Contestants are to be dressed in PRCA-rodeo-arena attire for photographs taken during and immediately following the contestant rehearsal. Failure to attend the meeting and the rehearsal shall result in a \$250 fine for each event missed.
- E. Stalls: Stalls will not be provided onsite. Stalls are available in several locations in the greater Omaha area. See PSN for exact locations. All contestant horses must be removed from the grounds no later than 11:30 p.m. each night following each performance. Failure to do so shall constitute a \$500 fine per horse left on the grounds past the deadline.
- F. **Parking: One parking pass per CHAMPIONSHIPS contestant will be provided. All vehicles improperly parked on property (on sidewalks, grass or in fire lanes as deemed by facility management or the Omaha Police) will be towed at owner's expense.**

- G. Horses: All horses must be removed from the CenturyLink Center Omaha Arena no later than 11 p.m. each day. Failure to do so shall constitute a \$500 fine per horse left in the building past the deadline. An outdoor warm-up arena will be provided for contestant horses. Per facility management, horses are not allowed on sidewalks or grass areas.
- H. PRCA Patches: Two PRCA patches will be distributed at the time of check-in and must be worn at all times in the arena. For the barrel racers, two WPRA patches will be distributed at the time of check-in and must be worn at all times in the arena.

3. LIVESTOCK

- A. CHAMPIONSHIPS Stock contractors must arrive with livestock at livestock housing facility after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 and no later than 12 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2014. If livestock arrives after the deadline, the stock contractor who is supplying that stock will be assessed a single fine of \$500.
- B. Stock must be inspected by the Livestock Superintendent at time of arrival and must be accompanied by current certified veterinary health papers and certificates as required by the law of the state in which the CHAMPIONSHIPS is being held. No livestock will be accepted until such time as the required health papers and certificates are made available to the Livestock Superintendent. If that results in livestock acceptance beyond the delivery deadlines, fines will be issued according to paragraph 3.A above. No sick, sore, lame, or injured animal will be accepted or paid for. This includes any animal with a wound which, at the PRCA's sole discretion, is cosmetically questionable. Any bull requiring tipping of horns shall subject stock contractor to a fine of \$100 per horn needing attention.
- C. A mandatory inspection will occur at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2014.
- D. In accordance with Rule R8.13.1.3 of the PRCA Rulebook, all riding event livestock must have an ownership brand of the PRCA-member Stock Contractor furnishing the livestock. Failure to do so could result in a fine for each animal not so branded.
- E. All livestock must be removed by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2014 which is the day immediately following the last performance. Failure to abide by this deadline will result in a \$500 fine.
- F. No horse or bull on which a bareback rigging, saddle, or bull rope normally cannot be placed and/or cinch pulled prior to being loaded in the chute will be eligible for the CHAMPIONSHIPS. If such animal is brought, and thus causes a delay in production, the stock contractor will be fined \$250 for the first offense with that fine progressively doubling.
- G. Stock contractors are to provide their own feed and watering containers and are responsible for feeding and watering their own livestock.
- H. RANK AWARD. A nightly Rank Award will be given to the highest scoring animal in each of the rough-stock events. Stock Contractors winning the Rank Award will be required to attend the buckle presentation ceremony at the Hilton Omaha starting at 10:00 PM on Thursday, September 25, 10:30 P.M. on Friday, September 26 to receive their cash award.

4. GENERAL

- A. Official Rodeo: Per Rule R1.6.2.1 of the PRCA Rulebook and, for barrel racers, WPRA rule 10.4.1.8 the CHAMPIONSHIPS will be counted as an “Official Entry” rodeo unless contestant designates it as an “Unofficial Entry Rodeo” at time of competition confirmation or unless contestant has previously met the maximum number of allowable “Official Entry” rodeos.
- B. Prize Money to Count toward Standings: All prize money earned at the CHAMPIONSHIPS will count as Championship Points in accordance with Bylaw B12.1.1 of the PRCA Rulebook and for barrel racers, rule 14.1 of the WPRA Rulebook and will be applied to 2014 PRCA World Standings and, for barrel racers, 2014 WPRA pro rodeo standings, unless contestant designated the CHAMPIONSHIPS as an “Unofficial Entry Rodeo” at time of entry.
- C. NO CIRCUIT POINTS. Dollars won at the CHAMPIONSHIPS will not count toward circuit standings. For the barrel racers, the CHAMPIONSHIPS will not count as one of the required circuit rodeos.
- D. Conflict with the Wrangler Champions Challenge Finale: Any CHAMPIONSHIPS contestant, who has qualified for the Wrangler Champions Challenge Finale (FINALE) event and is scheduled to compete at another rodeo adding \$3,000 or more on the same day as the FINALE, will be moved, if possible, at the second rodeo in accordance with procedures outlined in Rule R2.10.2 of the PRCA Rulebook **OR** be drawn out of any conflicting rodeo by contacting PROCOM prior to the turnout deadline of the conflicting rodeo. For the barrel racers, any CHAMPIONSHIPS WPRA contestant, who has qualified for the Wrangler Champions Challenge Finale, will be moved, if possible at the second rodeo in accordance with rule 10.6.2 of the WPRA Rule Book. WPRA Contestants who have not qualified for the Wrangler Champions Challenge Finale will not be moved, nor will they be required to participate in any functions on or after the Friday night performance.
- E. Doctor Releases: Valid doctor releases will be accepted. Should it be necessary to doctor release, contestants are to follow procedures outlined in Part 7 of the PRCA Rulebook and, for barrel racers, Chapter 10 of the WPRA Rule Book. Failure to follow those procedures will result in fines pursuant to Section 5B of these Ground Rules. A contestant using the doctor release procedure shall also be subject to the ineligibility periods as set forth in the PRCA Rule Book.
- F. Determination of Event Champion/Event Winners: The Event Champion will be that person/team who has the fastest time or highest score.
- G. Victory Lap: The event winner for each performance must be prepared to take a victory lap following their event. In addition, all event winners for each performance are to be prepared to be introduced either in the arena or on the stage, as requested by Production Manager, immediately following the last bull rider. Failure to take the victory lap or to be available for introduction following the performance will result in a \$100 fine for each violation.
- H. All Contestants Introduced Each Performance: All contestants will be introduced during opening ceremonies or during closing ceremonies immediately for each performance. Failure to be available for this contestant introduction will subject contestant to a \$100 fine for each offense.
- I. Autograph Sessions: All CHAMPIONSHIPS contestants are required to participate in an autograph sessions following each performance, in which they compete, unless excused due to injury. Failure to participate in the autograph session shall result in an initial \$250 fine, that fine doubling progressively for each reported offense thereafter.

- J. Patch Sponsorships: No CHAMPIONSHIPS participant may wear or display in the Competition Arena of the CHAMPIONSHIPS (including the areas behind the chutes and the moat) any patch or Signage (as defined in the “Rules and Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena”) which is in conflict with PRCA’s and/or Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Properties, Inc.’s National Sponsors. Participants will be notified at the CHAMPIONSHIPS contestant meeting of any CHAMPIONSHIPS Patch Sponsorship Rules that more specifically apply to the CHAMPIONSHIPS. For the barrel racers, see WPRA Rule #19.1.1 and Exhibit B.
- K. Back Numbers: Each contestant will be furnished with a CHAMPIONSHIPS 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 CHAMPIONSHIPS 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 CHAMPIONSHIPS back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the CHAMPIONSHIPS back number in its entirety as outlined above will result in a fine of \$1000 for the first offense, \$2000 for the second offense, \$4000 for the third offense, and disqualification from the CHAMPIONSHIPS 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 any round. If a contestant distributes his/her back number to another individual for use or admission into the event, a fine of \$250 per incident will be levied.
- L. Honest Effort: All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by a unanimous vote of all Officials assigned to officiate that event that a contestant did not give an honest effort, he/she will be (i) disqualified from the go round in which the violation occurred and any remaining go rounds, (ii) disqualified from contention for the average payoff in the event for which that contestant did not give an honest effort and (iii) assessed a fine in the amount of \$500. For purposes of this ground rule, whether a contestant gives an honest effort will be determined as follows:
1. Riding Events: In the riding events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse or bull out of the chute (except in the case of a stalling animal or unless the Officials rule the contestant was fouled coming out of the chute) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Specifically, the bareback riding contestant must have his hand in the rigging and seated on the horse until the inside shoulder of the horse crosses the plane of the chute gate; the saddle bronc riding contestant must have feet in the stirrups, seat in the saddle and rein in his hand when the inside shoulder of the horse crosses the plane of the chute gate; and the bull riding contestant must have his hand in bull rope with wrap taken and seated on the bull when the inside shoulder of the bull crosses the plane of the chute gate. Once the contestant has ridden the horse/bull/ out of the chute, it is the sole responsibility of the Officials to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete his ride.
 2. Tie-Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping: In the timed events a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse across the score line (unless the Officials rule he was fouled leaving the box) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Once the contestant has ridden his horse across the score line, it is the sole responsibility of the Officials to determine whether a contestant gives an

honest effort. In making this determination, Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

- M. Foul Language: Any contestant using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, will be fined in accordance with Bylaw B10.3.6, of the PRCA Rulebook, Conduct Detrimental to Public Image and, for barrel racers, the WPRA Rule book will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$1,000, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.
- N. Buckle Presentation: Go-round event winners each evening will be required to attend a buckle presentation ceremony at 10 pm, Thursday, September 25, 10:30 P.M. on Friday, September 26 at the Hilton Omaha. Failure to participate shall result in an initial fine of \$250.00 to progressively double for each violation thereafter.
- O. Misuse of Syringes: Anyone found misusing syringes and/or needles and/or not placing them in the provided disposal containers will be fined \$1,000 for the first offense, that amount progressively doubling with every offense thereafter.

5. TURN OUT OR DOCTOR RELEASE SUBSTITUTIONS PRIOR TO COMPETITION

- A. If for any reason a contestant is unable to compete, the next contestant in the 2013 PRCA World Standings and, for barrel racers, the 2013 WPRA pro rodeo standings (as referenced in 1.B of these ground rules) in the event will be substituted. Substitutions will not be allowed once the first go-round starts.
- B. Once confirmation of intent to compete has been made, the following turn out fines will apply:

<i>Notified turn out prior to 5:00 PM September 24</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>Notified turn out after 5:00 PM September 24</i>	<i>\$ 2,000.00</i>
<i>Non-notified turn out</i>	<i>\$ 3,000.00</i>

Notification of turn outs must be called into PROCOM during their regular business hours. All turnout deadline times are Mountain Time.

6. TURN OUT OR DOCTOR RELEASE AFTER START OF COMPETITION

- A. A non-valid turn out after competing at the CHAMPIONSHIPS will result in disqualification, loss of monies won, and \$3,000 fine.
- B. Injured Contestant Offered Re-ride or Extra: If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of the official CHAMPIONSHIPS Medical Staff, the doctor will determine if the contestant is capable of competing. He/she must inform the judges of his decision to accept a re-ride or extra. That re-ride or extra must be taken before the end of the performance. If the injury occurs to the final contestant in the event, and the doctor rules he is capable of competing, the contestant must inform the judges of his decision regarding the acceptance of a re-ride or the extra, and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss's decision when the re-ride or rerun will be taken if animals are not available.

7A. PRCA FORMAT

- A. CHAMPIONSHIPS will be one go-round, 2 performances. The contestant with the fastest time/highest score in each respective competition event during each performance, that has not already qualified, may advance to the Wrangler Champions Challenge Finale Event held on Saturday, September 27.
 - 1. If the contestant that qualifies to advance to the FINALE is unable to compete or declines the position, the contestant with the next fastest time/highest score may advance.
 - 2. In the case of a tie or if there are no qualified scores/times, the qualifying position will be determined as follows:
 - a. Ranking coming into the CHAMPIONSHIPS (see paragraph 1.D. and 1.E. for rankings)

7B. WPRA FORMAT

- A. CHAMPIONSHIPS will be one go-round, 2 performances. The contestant with the fastest time during each performance, that was not already qualified, will advance to the Wrangler Champions Challenge Finale Event held on Saturday, September 27.
 - 1. If the contestant that qualifies to advance to the FINALE is unable to compete or declines the position, the contestant with the next fastest time/highest score may advance.
 - 2. In the case of a tie or if there are no qualified scores/times, the qualifying position will be determined as follows:
 - a. Ranking coming into the CHAMPIONSHIPS (see paragraph 1.D. and 1.E. for rankings)

8A. PRCA PAYOFF

- A. Should there be fewer qualified rides or times than the number of places to be paid, the payoff, eligibility for Championship Points, etc. shall be handled according to Rule R5.5.3 of the PRCA Rulebook for the go-rounds and according to Rules R5.6.4 and R5.6.5 of the PRCA Rulebook for the average.
- C. Payoff, per event not including entry fees: \$26,214.29. Entry Fees are as follows:

BB:	\$225	TD:	\$300
SB:	\$100	SW:	\$250
BR:	no fees	TR (per man):	\$250

8B. WPRA PAYOFF

- A. Should there be fewer qualified times than the number of places to be paid, the payoff, eligibility for Championship Points, etc. shall be handled according to WPRA Rule 10.9 of the WPRA Rulebook.
- B. Payoff, per event not including entry fees: \$26,214.29
Entry fees: \$266.

9A. PRCA COMPETITION ORDER & DRAW ORDER

- A. Contestants will provide preferences at the time of entry and be placed per the PRCA Rulebook. Contestants will be allowed to trade as referenced in 1.I. of these ground rules.

9B. WPRA COMPETITION ORDER & DRAW ORDER

- A. Contestants will provide preferences at the time of entry and be placed per the priority list. Contestants will be allowed to trade as referenced in 1.I. of these ground rules.

10. TIMED EVENTS

- A. Stock selection: Cattle used in the timed events shall be selected by the CHAMPIONSHIPS Arena Director, with the approval of the respective Event Representatives. Each respective Event Representative (or duly appointed designee) shall select the cattle to be used for the Semi-Finals and Finals, subject to final approval of the Director of Rodeo Administration and CHAMPIONSHIPS Arena Director.
- B. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.
- C. If a contestant is not ready when called, Chute Boss, in agreement with the Officials, or the Officials may fine contestant \$250 for first the offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense. By definition, "ready when called" shall mean that the contestant must be riding into the box when the previous animal leaves the arena. If a contestant has a fair opportunity after entering the box to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.
- D. Rattling the gates in the Timed Events chutes (to get horse to score) will result in a \$250 fine to be progressively doubled thereafter to the person doing the rattling and/or the contestant involved. The Chute Boss will determine who is to be fined.
- E. Timed Event contestants will enter and exit the arena as directed by the Arena Director.
- F. No more than one man in the box if so requested by contestant.
- G. Only one horse in the box.
- H. A contestant must have hat on head while in box, with no assistance in keeping on or taking off said hat by another person.

- I. The judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
- J. Time limits (not including penalties):
 - Tie-Down Roping: 25 seconds
 - Steer Wrestling: 60 seconds
 - Team Roping: 30 seconds
- K. Tie-Down Roping: The Optional Tie-Down Roping ground policy as set forth in R11.6.5 of the PRCA Rulebook will be in effect.
- L. Tie-down animals will be tied prior to the first go-round only. Tie-down animals selected for the semifinals and finals may be tied again in agreement with the PRCA Tie-Down Event Representative and Director of Rodeo Administration.
- M. If a timed event animal escapes the chute prior to the contestant calling for him, that contestant will automatically receive the first extra and will compete on that animal in the performance. The originally drawn animal will remain in the herd.
- N. Unruly or unmanageable animals, including contestants' horses, that endanger CHAMPIONSHIPS personnel, contestants or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the CHAMPIONSHIPS, may be disqualified by the Officials from further use.
- O. The Arena Director shall designate a time for extras in each of the timed events to be run.
- P. Headers who drop their rope after completing will be fined \$100 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each additional offense.
- Q. Horse handlers and helpers for the tie-down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping events can bring the horses as far forward as the tie-down animal pens, but will not be allowed past the area or in the box. Only CHAMPIONSHIPS contestants and personnel are allowed in the box or past the holding pens. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine to the contestant of \$100 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense. This rule is to be enforced by the Timed Event Chute Boss.
- R. In the Team Roping Event, only 2 loops per team will be permitted.

11. RIDING EVENTS

- A. Two judges will be used to score each ride.
- B. Stock selection: Stock for the CHAMPIONSHIPS will be selected by the host committee with the approval of the Event Representative, subject to the final approval of the Director of Rodeo Administration and the Production Manager.
- C. If pens are not available by the designated draw time, pens will be set by the Director of Rodeo Administration, the Production Manager, or their appointed representatives. Pens must be set to have a minimum of 4 animals with the same delivery designation.
- D. No bareback or saddle bronc with a history of having to be pulled out of the chute will be available for the CHAMPIONSHIPS.

- E. All riding event livestock selected for CHAMPIONSHIPS must be bucked or in the re-rides at least once at the CHAMPIONSHIPS with the exception of those animals which may be injured or sick, provided livestock selection procedure remains the same as is currently being used.
- F. If a contestant is not ready when called, Chute Boss, in agreement with the Officials, or the Officials may report contestant. The fine will be \$250 for first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense. Likewise, if a Stock Contractor or Stock Contractor's flankman is not ready when called, Chute Boss, in agreement with the Officials, or the judge may fine the Stock Contractor \$250 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense. For clarification, this shall be called by and enforced by the judges. For purposes of these Ground Rules, "ready when called" shall be defined as:

For contestants, the definition of "ready when called" shall be:

Bareback Riding: Contestant must be over horse with hand in rigging when previous horse leaves the arena. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.

Saddle Bronc Riding: Contestant must have horse cinched (front & rear) with rein measured, and be in the chute, mounting the horse when the previous horse leaves the arena. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.

Bull Riding: Contestant must be pulling rope when previous bull leaves the arena. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.
- G. The Chute Boss has the authority to assign a flankman in the absence of the livestock owner or his designated flankman.
- H. A contestant may compete on the same animal in the Champions Challenge Finale that he competed on in the Justin Boots Championships.
- I. Should an animal refuse to be loaded into the chute, thus putting the production in jeopardy, the Livestock Superintendent can declare that animal unruly and dismiss it from that performance. In that case, the contestant with that animal drawn will be given a re-ride.
- J. The final decision regarding if, when and/or how an animal is tied in belongs solely to the Riding Event Chute Boss.
- K. The length of the flank latigo on horse flanks shall be no longer than nine feet (9'). Failure to adhere to this shall result in the stock contractor being fined \$100 for the first offense, with that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.
- L. Unruly or unmanageable animals that endanger CHAMPIONSHIPS personnel, contestants, or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the CHAMPIONSHIPS, may be disqualified by the Officials from further use.
- M. Once pens have been set in a go-round, there will be no changing of those pens unless the changes conform with the CHAMPIONSHIPS Ground Rules. Any changes on delivery must be by mutual agreement of a Riding Event Representative, livestock owner, or his representative, and the Chute Boss.

- N. If a drawn animal is turned out for any reason, that animal will become a part of the re-ride pen for that performance and, if necessary to use, will be the first re-ride in the re-ride order. In the semi-finals or finals, if the next highest qualifier is advanced because of a doctor release by a qualifier, that replacement qualifier will take the animal originally drawn by the qualifier.