



# PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Rodeo Contestants,

Below are the COVID-19 Rodeo Ground Rules for the Belle Fourche, South Dakota Rodeo, scheduled for July 1-4. We are excited to have ProRodeo return. We must recognize the increased responsibility that comes with returning to competition. The PRCA returns in an environment that will ensure the safety of our competitors, volunteers and the community. We ask for your cooperation in following these rules, working together for the betterment of the sport and future rodeos.

Please take time to review the PRCA Coronavirus Ground Rules and Safety Guidelines book. [Click here to review.](#)

**Contestant Helpers:** We have to limit the number of people in both ends of the arena through the grounds rules to reduce potential congestion and respect social distancing. If a helper is required, please identify a helper who is a PRCA/WPRA member and entered in the rodeo. All helpers will be confirmed and credentialed accordingly to gain entry to the bucking chutes and timed event chutes.

**Rodeo Arena Access:** Rodeo Arena is only available to contestants and designated helper entered per day scheduled to compete.

**Traveling Companions:** As access is restricted to both ends of the arena to contestants and helpers only, additional traveling companions are discouraged.

Most importantly, please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Best regards,

Tom Glause  
COO/Director of Rodeo Administration



## **COVID-19 RODEO GROUND RULES**

### **PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE)/FACE MASKS**

- Contestants and personnel are encouraged to wear a face covering when not competing.

### **RIDING EVENTS**

- Social distancing for riding event contestants and stock contractors is imperative for the rodeo. All personnel on the chutes, except for the contestant, are encouraged to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- A total of 12 bucking chutes are now available to increase social distancing.
- Contestant Face Masks
  - Contestant encouraged to wear a mask prior to riding.
  - Contestant face mask may be removed prior to getting on your horse/bull
- The back of the bucking chutes is limited to essential personnel only. This requirement is to protect the safety and health of all individuals.
  - Non-essential rodeo personnel are not permitted in and around the chutes.
    - Essential personnel includes: contestant, helper, flank man, judge, gatemen, chute boss, neck rope man, TV production, head man.
    - Medical and Veterinarian personnel may be present on the chutes to attend to any injury and limit their time on the back of the bucking chutes.
    - Any person not listed above and not physically helping the contestant and animal to exit the chute are considered non-essential.
- Each contestant shall be allowed one helper and must be a PRCA member. It is recommended that they are a contestant entered in the rodeo.
- Stock Contractor shall provide one flank man per delivery side of the bucking chutes.
- One back judge per delivery of the chute, if applicable.
- It is recommended that Chute Bosses wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Pick-up men, bullfighters and barrelmen should have ready access to disinfectant spray during riding events to wipe themselves down as necessary.
- Bucking chutes are sprayed or wiped down with disinfectant between events.

## **TIMED EVENTS**

- One contestant in the arena at any time and must exit after each ride.
- Contestants shall not congregate in groups larger than 10 people and follow social distancing guidelines. Contestants encouraged to wear face masks covering nose and mouth when not competing.
- Contestant Face Masks
  - Contestant face mask may be removed prior to competing
  - As soon as your run is over, contestant to put face mask on.
- Each contestant shall be allowed one helper and must be a PRCA/WPRA member. It is recommended that they are a contestant entered in the rodeo.
- All timed event personnel, including sorters, encouraged to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Personnel allowed in the timed-event boxes.
  - Contestant, hazer, chute boss, pusher, head man, next two contestants may be in the box to help the current contestant and to watch the start.
  - Contestants shall enter the arena only when called upon.
- Contestant shall exit arena at end of run and follow social distancing guidelines.

## **CONTRACT PERSONNEL**

- Contract Personnel requiring additional individuals for acts shall only use medically screened personnel.
- Contract Personnel shall not enter spectator seating to minimize any chance of contracting COVID-19.

## **RODEO SECRETARY**

- Rodeo Secretary will **NOT** accept checks and cash. All contestants must pay entry fees online. WPRA members must pay entry fees through WPRA office.
- All draws will be posted outside of the secretary's office. No contestants allowed in the rodeo secretary office.
- Rodeo Secretary should work with only one PRCA/WPRA contestant or Rodeo Committee personnel at any time.
- Rodeo Secretary should minimize contact and exchange of items with contestant, stock contractors and contract personnel.
- Rodeo draw personnel (judges, secretary, timers, etc.) encouraged to wear face masks covering the nose and mouth.



## COVID-19 WAIVER

Revised 5/17/2020

### **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AND VOLUNTARY CONSENT AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter, "Agreement") MUST BE CAREFULLY READ AND SIGNED IN CONSIDERATION OF my ability to participate, provide services for, conduct, prepare for or participate in any rodeo or affiliated activities leading up or related to, or otherwise attend or be present at the 2020 PRCA Sanctioned events (hereinafter, the "Events") (and hereinafter, collectively, the "Activities"). The undersigned, on behalf of himself/herself, his/her personal representative, heirs, and next of kin (hereinafter collectively, the "UNDERSIGNED") hereby:

1. **EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** UNDERSIGNED hereby acknowledges and understands that the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and spreads mainly from person-to-person contact. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may have a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. There have been recommended guidelines and preventative measures put in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, it CANNOT GUARANTEE that UNDERSIGNED will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19, despite reasonable efforts to mitigate such dangers. Furthermore, the Activities could increase UNDERSIGNED's risk of contracting COVID-19. By signing this Agreement, UNDERSIGNED acknowledges the extremely contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assumes the risk that UNDERSIGNED may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19 from the Activities, and that such exposure or infection may involve the RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY, ILLNESS, PERMANENT DISABILITY AND/OR DEATH. UNDERSIGNED understands that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected with COVID-19 by UNDERSIGNED's participation in the Activities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others and/or UNDERSIGNED, including, but not limited to, the RELEASEES (as defined below). UNDERSIGNED hereby expressly assumes all such risks and dangers whether presently known or unknown.
2. **WAIVER AND RELEASE:** UNDERSIGNED hereby **RELEASES, WAIVES, AND FOREVER DISCHARGES** , the PRCA and WPRA (and its parents, affiliates and subsidiaries) or any subdivision thereof, any promoter, participant, rodeo association, rodeo grounds operator, arena owner, officials, sponsors, advertisers (in each case associated in any way with any of the Events), owners and lessees of the premises used to conduct the Event(s), insurers, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the Event(s), and each of their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliated corporations and entities, shareholders, officers, directors, managing agents, employees, independent contractors, members, agents, and all other persons or entities participating or involved in the Events (hereinafter collectively, the "RELEASEES"), from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, bonds, bills, balances, losses, costs, expenses, damages, covenants, agreements, commitments, undertakings, promises, liabilities, obligations, lawsuits, judgments, orders and demands whatsoever, in law, at equity or otherwise, of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted, accrued, unaccrued, actual, contingent, or otherwise, direct or indirect and whether or not concealed or hidden arising out of, on account of or relating to any INJURY TO OR RESULTING IN DEATH (including but not limited to INJURY TO OR RESULTING IN DEATH FROM COVID-19) of the UNDERSIGNED arising out of or related to any of the UNDERSIGNED's Activities (hereinafter, the "RELEASED CLAIMS"). The UNDERSIGNED covenants that the UNDERSIGNED shall not directly or indirectly, bring, commence, institute, maintain, prosecute, aid or fund in any way any action of any kind or otherwise assert against any of the RELEASEES anywhere in the world any Released Claim.
3. **INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** UNDERSIGNED hereby agrees to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the RELEASEES from losses, liabilities, obligations, claims, damages, settlements, injunctions, suits, actions, proceedings, demands, charges, fines, penalties, costs and expenses of every kind and nature, including reasonable fees, expenses and disbursements of attorneys, accountants and other professionals imposed upon, asserted against or incurred by any RELEASEE in connection with, arising out of or relating to (i) any Released Claim or (ii) the UNDERSIGNED's Activities, in each of (i) and (ii), whether caused by the ordinary negligence of the RELEASEES or otherwise and including and/or arising out of UNDERSIGNED's improper and/or tortious conduct in connection therewith.
4. **INFORMED CONSENT AND VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION:** UNDERSIGNED fully acknowledges and understands that COVID-19 is extremely contagious. UNDERSIGNED has taken it upon himself or herself to be fully informed of the numerous risks and potential dangers associated with COVID-19, including SUFFERING SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH. UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that he or she has been informed that his or her PERSONAL SAFETY CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that his or her participation in the Activities are completely voluntary, and he or she believes that the potential benefits of participation and/or services provided outweigh the risk and danger associated with COVID-19. For more information please see the Center For Disease Control's site at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.
5. UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that it is his or her responsibility to do all of the following: (1) exercise caution and follow any CDC or OSHA issued protocols (including without limitation those guidelines specifically referenced by the PRCA to protect the health of the UNDERSIGNED); (2) inform employer of any Activities which the UNDERSIGNED does not feel comfortable performing; (3) cease any activity and promptly report any physical discomfort, illness or complications while participating in any Activity; and (4) clear his or her participation of any Activity with his or her personal physician. UNDERSIGNED also agrees, represents and warrants that he or

she will not participate in any Activity if he or she (i) experiences symptoms of COVID-19, including, without limitation, fever, cough or shortness of breath, or (ii) has a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19.

6. UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE FULLY SEVERABLE, and that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance the Agreement shall continue in full legal force and effect. That shall include modifying the Agreement to allow the remainder of claims to be waived, released, and indemnified against in the event that the inclusion of any particular type of claim is found to be invalid or contrary to public policy. This Agreement is to be interpreted and enforced under the laws of the Colorado.
7. UNDERSIGNED hereby accepted all terms set forth herein and acknowledges this is the complete agreement between the parties regarding these issues, and UNDERSIGNED agrees and acknowledges that NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE APART FROM THIS AGREEMENT. UNDERSIGNED HAS COMPLETELY READ BOTH PAGES OF THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT AFFECTING SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS. UNDERSIGNED SIGNS THIS DOCUMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO HIM OR HER AND UNDERSIGNED INTENDS HIS OR HER SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. UNDERSIGNED was given ample opportunity to read the Agreement and/or have it reviewed by legal counsel of his or her choice. UNDERSIGNED was also offered a copy of this Agreement.

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NAME (PRINT)

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_



## COVID-19 HIPAA AUTHORIZATION

FOR THE USE AND DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION. Revised 5/27/2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

This Authorization Form describes different uses and disclosures of health information, including as protected under applicable state and provincial law and also “protected health information” as defined by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Unless otherwise revoked by me in writing, this Authorization expires on December 31, 2020 (“Expiration Date”).

I hereby authorize the following uses and disclosures of my Health Information, as defined below, and as permitted or required by law:

**A. General.** I specifically authorize and direct any physician, healthcare provider, hospital or other healthcare facility who provided or is providing assessment, diagnosis, care, treatment or services to me prior to execution of this Authorization and/or any time after execution of this Authorization up to the Expiration Date, including their agents, employees and medical staff (collectively “Health Care Provider”) to release my “Health Information” (as defined below) to (1) the Rodeo Committee Medical designee (collectively “Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team”); and/or (2) PRCA and WPRA, their affiliates, agents, employees and consultants (collectively “PRCA/WPRA”) about me regarding assessment, diagnosis, care or treatment of COVID-19 (including, but not limited to negative/positive diagnosis, testing, test results, status and treatment), if applicable. *“Health Information” is defined as: the full and complete medical record; notes; reports; data; test results; documents related to examination or treatment for COVID-19; assessments; diagnoses; prognoses; medications and prescriptions; healthcare providers and facilities who previously provided treatment to me, and that it may include information and records protected under applicable state and provincial law and federal law.*

**B. Discussion Permitted.** I specifically authorize and direct any Health Care Provider to discuss, clarify or explain my Health Information with the Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team upon their request, for the purposes of safety, quality assurance/quality improvement, and/or for my assessment, treatment or care.

**C. Disclosure by Medical Liaison for Certain Purposes.** I authorize the Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team to use and disclose my Health Information in their possession to the following: (1) physicians, health care providers, hospitals, state and local health departments, and other health care facilities or medical providers for purposes of my assessment, care and treatment; and/or (2) PRCA/WPRA, and outside experts, physicians or consultants retained by any of them, for purposes of safety and quality assurance/improvement and making assessments and recommendations related to quality or safety. I understand the Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team coordinators and consulting physicians are not direct treatment providers; they are present at the rodeo grounds to facilitate the sharing of information.

**I understand that I have the right to revoke this Authorization in writing at any time by notifying, as applicable, the disclosing Health Care Provider and/or Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team.** I understand that the revocation is only effective after it is received.

I understand that any use or disclosure made prior to the revocation in reliance on this Authorization will not be affected by a subsequently received revocation.

I understand that once Health Information is disclosed pursuant to this Authorization, it may be re-disclosed by the recipient, and federal or applicable state and provincial law might not protect it. I understand a health care provider, hospital or health facility may not condition my treatment on whether this Authorization is signed. I understand that PRCA/WPRA rules and policies will govern whether I may participate in any PRCA-sanctioned event if I choose to revoke this Authorization.

I have read this Authorization, I understand what it says, and any questions of mine have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that I am entitled to receive a copy of this Authorization, and I allow a photocopy to be deemed valid as a signed original.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_