



PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Contestants,

Below are the COVID-19 Rodeo Ground Rules for the 2021 Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo in Odessa, TX. 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. [PRCA Covid-19 Safety Guidelines](#).

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.

Face Masks Required: All PRCA members will be required to wear a face mask covering their nose and mouth, except when competing. Texas requires a mask in public places.

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.

Member Check-In: All PRCA/WPRA members and companions must check-in with the Rodeo Secretary to pick up back number. **Fees must be paid online. No fees will be accepted at the rodeo.**



COVID-19 RODEO GROUND RULES

PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE)/FACE MASKS

- Contestants will be given one warning for not wearing a mask. If they have to ask a second time, they will be denied access to the arena, which could result in a non-notified turnout.

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, shall be required to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Contestant Face Masks
 - Contestant must wear a mask prior to riding.
 - Contestant face mask may be removed prior to getting on your horse/bull
 - As soon as your ride is over, contestant must put face mask on.
- 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.
- One back judge per delivery of the chute, if applicable.
- Rodeo Committee will provide warm-up areas to stage riding event contestants, limiting congestion on the bucking chutes to follow social distancing recommendations. Staging areas should be sufficient to allow for social distancing guidelines (groups of 10 or less).
 - Contestants and helpers in warm-up areas must wear a face mask over the nose and mouth.
- Each discipline will be allowed entrance to the bucking chutes one event prior to their event. Once your discipline is over, contestants to exit with all equipment.
- Chute Bosses shall 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.
- At the end of the ride, the contestant shall exit the arena. Contestants can stay as long as social distancing guidelines are followed and wearing a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- 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 shall wear face masks covering nose and mouth when not competing.
- Contestant Face Masks
 - Contestant must wear a mask prior to your run.
 - Contestant face mask may be removed prior to competing
 - As soon as your run is over, contestant must 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, must 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.

JUDGES

- Judges shall wear face masks covering nose and mouth.

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

- All contestants are encouraged to pay entry fees online. WPRA members may call 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.) shall wear face masks covering the nose and mouth.

