

2021 CIRCUIT FINALS RODEO

GROUND RULES—WPRA Breakaway Roping

Membership & Eligibility

1. Contestant members should refer to WPRA rule 8.4-8.5.
 - a. A member who is a non-US citizen will be eligible to participate in the PRCA/WPRA Circuit Finals Rodeo of her Circuit designation for the 2021 dues paying year.
2. For Circuit Finals Rodeos that are held during the month of January:
 - a. Circuit Finals Rodeo contestants, contract personnel, stock contractors, timed event cattle providers, and labor will be accepted on last year's card.
 - b. Contestants, contract personnel, stock contractors, timed event cattle providers, and labor, who have not bought a current year membership card, must purchase PRCA's or WPRA's insurance policy prior to first Circuit Finals Rodeo performance.

Entries & Substitutions

1. Official Entry Rodeo:
 - a. All Circuit Finals Rodeos will be considered an official entry rodeo, unless contestant declares otherwise at time of entry.
 - b. Money won at all 2021 season Circuit Finals Rodeo will count towards 2022 PRCA/WPRA World Standings and qualification for 2021 limited entry rodeos.
 - c. Positions will be filled per WPRA rule 8.8.1 & 8.8.3.
 - d. In the WPRA breakaway roping, contestants must meet the 30% resident or 40% non-resident participation requirement to be qualified. If a circuit chooses to allow zero-dollar contestants to enter as 'hole-fillers':
 - i. Money won at a circuit finals rodeo will not count toward 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 any applicable events based on circuit standings or CFR's position.

2. Entries for all Circuit Finals Rodeos will be listed on the WPRA website.
3. All contestants must make an official entry through Central Entry Office (PROCOM) prior to entry closing time.
4. Qualification Cut-off:
 - a. Qualification cut-off will be regular WPRA year-end (September 30, 2021) unless Circuit Finals Rodeo is scheduled within thirty (30) days of this cut-off date.
 - b. In this case (or anytime a Circuit Finals Rodeo is held prior to year-end cut-off), cut-off date will be thirty (30) days prior to the First performance of the Circuit Finals Rodeo. Any exception to the cut-off date for a particular circuit must be approved in writing by the Director of Rodeo Administration.
 - c. Any rodeo which has its last performance after the cut-off date will be recorded for the following year. Rodeo in question must end on or prior to the cut-off date to count for current year.
 - d. Any variation of cut-off dates must be approved by the PRCA and listed in two (2) issues of the PRCA Business Journal. For WPRA members, any variation of cut-off dates must be approved by the WPRA and published on the WPRA website.
5. Entries to Fill Open Position(s):
 - a. In the WPRA Breakaway Roping, open position after the original entry period will be filled by the circuit president (there will not be re-entries in the WPRA breakaway).
 - i. Step one, in order of money won (who met the required participation) from those who had not entered.
 - ii. Step two, if a circuit chooses, by contestants who did not win money, based on a random draw.
 - b. Contestant entries accepted by the circuit presidents must be financially eligible and in good standings at the time of entry closing to be eligible to fill open position(s).

6. Substitutions:
 - a. Prior to the First go-round, a substitute entry will be allowed.
 - b. Substitutes will be the highest ranked eligible contestants available who have made an official entry through PROCOM.
 - c. PROCOM and/or the Circuit President will contact highest ranked eligible contestant who entered. Procom will only recognize circuit president making substitute entry.
 - d. If not enough eligible contestants enter, then PROCOM and/or the Circuit President will contact highest ranked eligible contestant according to Circuit standings.
 - e. The 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. WPRA Breakaway Ropers will compete in the reverse order of the qualifier standings.
2. Second and subsequent go-rounds:
 - a. WPRA Breakaway Ropers will compete in reverse order of the fastest time in the average in previous go-round(s). Qualifying standings will be used if no time or score in previous rounds.

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 PRCA/WPRA Rule Book.

2. Score lines will be set by the WPRA Rule Book for Breakaway Roping.

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 for other applicable events based on circuit standings or CFR's position.
 - 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 (WPRA fines are payable to the WPRA).
 - a. Fine may be waived only if contestant notifies Circuit President and/or PROCOM 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 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, Vet, or Visible Injury Release:
 - a. In order for doctor/vet release to be valid at Circuit Finals Rodeo, contestant must be entered then doctor/vet released. Previous doctor/vet 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, Vet 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, Vet Release or Visible Injury release, that contestant will forfeit any money or awards won and be ineligible to advance to any applicable events based on circuit standings or CFR's position.
 - ii. Additional fines may be levied per the PRCA/WPRA rulebook.

Advancement

1. Money won at Circuit Finals Rodeo will be added to circuit year-end standings for that event.
2. Per WPRA 8.14.2.1 the year-end money winner in that event (by dollar won, who competed in all go-rounds of the circuit finals rodeo, and had money won prior to the circuit finals) may advance to applicable events based on circuit standings or CFR's position.
3. In the WPRA breakaway roping when the average winner cannot/is not qualified to advance to applicable events based on circuit standings or CFR's position, the replacement will be based on WPRA rule 8.14.2.1.