

2018 WRANGLER NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

GROUND RULES

I. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- A.** Contestants must confirm entry by calling PROCOM from 12:00 P.M. (Mountain Time) Tuesday, October 23, 2018 to 12:00 P.M. (Mountain Time) Wednesday, October 24, 2018.
- B.** Contestants not confirmed by 12 P.M. October 24, 2018, will be fined \$250.
- C.** Team roping headers and heelers must designate their partners for the WRANGLER NFR in accordance with the "Procedures for Pairing Team Roping Headers and Heelers for the 2018 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- D.** A WRANGLER NFR contestant or WRANGLER NFR official/personnel, or any animal used at the WRANGLER NFR, may not compete at or participate in any other rodeo or jackpot (except for certain positions approved by the WRANGLER NFRC at WRANGLER NFR-related events) from the date of WRANGLER NFR contestant check-in through and including the date of the final performance of the WRANGLER NFR.

II. GENERAL

- A.** All participants, by virtue of their participation in the WRANGLER NFR agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PRCA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules and these Ground Rules. WPRA members acknowledge by their participation in the WRANGLER NFR the authority and jurisdiction of the PRCA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules and these Ground Rules as set forth in the agreement between the PRCA and WPRA, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- B.** Enforcement and interpretation of the PRCA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules and these Ground Rules during the WRANGLER NFR shall be handled by a subcommittee of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo Committee. This subcommittee shall be comprised of the PRCA Commissioner/CEO, the PRCA Director of Rodeo Administration, the PRCA Timed Event and Riding Event Representatives serving on the WRANGLER NFRC, and the PRCA Stock Contractor, Rodeo Committee and Contract Personnel Representatives serving on the WRANGLER NFRC.
- C.** No WRANGLER NFR participant or personnel may wear or display in the competition arena (including the areas behind the chutes and the moat) or at any PRCA Related function (including but not limited to Welcome Reception, PRCA autograph sessions or PRCA requested media interviews) of the WRANGLER NFR 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. All other provisions of the "Rules and Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, shall also be in effect at the WRANGLER NFR.
- D.** The rules set forth in the "Addendum to Ground Rules 2018 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D, are hereby incorporated into these Ground Rules. All WRANGLER NFR participants are subject to and agree to abide and be bound by the rules set forth in this Addendum.

- E. **Back Numbers.** Each contestant will be furnished with a WRANGLER NFR 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 WRANGLER NFR 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 WRANGLER NFR back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the WRANGLER NFR back number in its entirety as outlined above will result in a fine of \$1000 for the first offense, and disqualification from the WRANGLER NFR for the second offense. **A contestant may be fined without warning and may be subject to immediate disqualification if the offense takes place during the last performance.**
- F. Any NFR participant or official using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, or using any obscene gesture, will be fined in accordance with Bylaw **B10.3.6 Conduct Detrimental to Public Image (WPRA Rule 9.3)** and will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$500, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.
- G. Any animal injured or becoming sick at the WRANGLER NFR must be examined by a veterinarian designated by the WRANGLER NFRC within one hour of the discovery of the injury or illness. Further, the veterinarian designated by the WRANGLER NFRC reserves the right, as part of the examination, to conduct drug testing on any animal injured or taken sick at the WRANGLER NFR. The drug testing (blood and/or urine) will be performed by the WRANGLER NFRC-designated veterinarian only, at the expense of the WRANGLER NFRC.
- The test results become the property of the WRANGLER NFRC. Upon request, copies of the test results will be provided without charge to the owner of the tested animal, the PRCA and the WPRA.
- All WRANGLER NFR participants must sign a release accepting this provision and releasing the WRANGLER NFRC and PRCA and WPRA from liability prior to competing in the WRANGLER NFR. Failure to do so will disqualify that individual's animal(s) from being used in the WRANGLER NFR.
- H. The only people having access to the cattle pens will be the Livestock Superintendent and crew. Anyone accessing the pens without approval from the Livestock Superintendent will be fined \$1,000 with possible disqualification from the event.
- I. All contract personnel not on time for rehearsals, meetings and other scheduled appointments will be fined \$250 for the first offense. That fine progressively doubles thereafter.

III. **SUBSTITUTIONS AND DRAWING OUT**

- A. If for any reason a contestant is unable to compete, the next contestant in the PRCA/WPRA World Standings in that event will be accepted. Changes will not be allowed after the first go-round is completed, except in the team roping in accordance with ground rule #III.D.
- B. If a contestant qualifies for the NFR and becomes injured prior to the start of the rodeo, the NFR official doctor would decide if the contestant is capable of competing. If the contestant is unable to compete the 16th place individual in the World Standings in that event would replace the injured contestant. The qualified contestant will receive 50% of the guaranteed prize money, the ring, the jacket, the back number and 50% of the contestant tickets available for purchase. The remaining 50% of the guaranteed prize money, the hotel room, an additional back number, the complimentary ticket and 50% of the tickets available for purchase will go to the replacement.
- C. If a contestant qualifies for the NFR, accepts the guaranteed prize money and does not compete in the NFR in the year of his/her qualification, said contestants shall immediately become ineligible with the

PRCA/WPRA and will remain ineligible until such guaranteed prize money is returned to LVE. In addition, the PRCA/WPRA may determine further offenses which would subject the member to additional fines, ineligibility, suspension, suspension of PRCA/WPRA privileges and/or expulsion unless otherwise stated.

- D. Any team entered in the team roping event at the Wrangler NFR suffering disabling injury or illness to either partner during the time period of the WRANGLER NFR may be allowed to continue roping with a substitute partner.

Up to and including the 7th go round, the substitute partner must be the next highest ranked (header/heeler) in the 2018 Team Roping World Standings. If the WRANGLER NFR contestant was a header, the next ranked header in the 2018 Team Roping-Header World Standings will fill the position. Likewise, if the WRANGLER NFR contestant was a heeler, the next ranked heeler in the 2018 Team Roping-Heeler World Standings will fill the position. If the 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 without having to turn out of the second consecutive performance as required in Section IV.B. of these Ground Rules.

After the 7th go round, the substitute partner must be 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 WRANGLER NFR team roping and who has not declined to participate in the WRANGLER NFR 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 (as defined in the PRCA Bylaws); or (ii) any contestant entered in the WRANGLER NFR but not already competing in team roping. 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 without having to turn out of the second consecutive performance as required in Section IV.B. of these Ground Rules. If the original partner chooses a replacement partner under option (i), the replacement partner shall be eligible to win the World Championship in the team roping header or heeler category but shall not be eligible for All-Around points. If the replacement partner chooses a replacement partner under option (ii), the replacement partner will not be eligible for the team roping World Championship, nor will the replacement partner's points earned in the team roping apply to the All-Around Standings. 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 10 go-rounds. ***If the original team competed in one or more go-round prior to the replacement taking place, the original team will remain in contention for the average on the number of head they roped together, provided that the disabling injury or illness of the partner no longer roping is verified by the Official WRANGLER NFR doctor.*** The original member of the newly formed team will be eligible for the team roping World Championship, and points won will apply 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. Once a substitute has competed, the original team cannot be reformed.

- E. In case of an injury to the selected barrelman, the alternate barrelman becomes the barrelman. The alternate receives the remaining compensation of the barrelman that was replaced.

In the instance that a pickup man needs to be replaced, the substitute pickup man will be a designated WRANGLER NFR arena usher. If the replacement uses the original pickup man's horses,

the original pickup man retains 75% of compensation from the point of replacement and the replacement pickup man will receive 25% of the compensation from the point of replacement. If the replacement pickup man uses other horses, the owner of the horses will receive 50% of the compensation from the point of replacement, the replacement pickup man will receive 25% of the compensation from the point of replacement, and the original pickup man will receive 25% of the compensation from the point of replacement.

- F. In the case of a strike, boycott or other work stoppage, if there are fewer than five contestants (or teams in the team roping) in an event in any one go-round, the event will be canceled and the money for the remaining go-rounds and average will be distributed evenly to the remaining events, with the payoff over the full 10 go-rounds and average of the remaining events recalculated as if that money had been available initially.

IV. TURN OUTS

- A. Contestant must accept first head of livestock to be eligible for further competition at the WRANGLER NFR.
- B. An injured contestant may, with a proper doctor's release from a medical doctor on the official WRANGLER NFR medical staff, turn out. If he does turn out, he must turn out at least two consecutive go-rounds in an event before resuming competition on the rest of his stock. A turn out in this instance will **not** eliminate the contestant from contention for the average. If entered in two events, the contestant may still continue to compete in the other event, if he feels he is able to do so, subject to WRANGLER NFRC approval. Contestant must notify arena secretary of his intention to turn out, and provide her with the official doctor release from the WRANGLER NFR medical staff, no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance. Failure to abide by this deadline will result in a \$250 fine.
- C. A turn out from any go-round of a given event without a proper doctor's release from a medical doctor on the official WRANGLER NFR medical staff shall result in (i) disqualification from that go-round of that event and any remaining go-rounds in that event, (ii) disqualification from contention for the average payoff in that event, and (iii) a fine of \$5,000.
- D. All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by a unanimous vote of all Judges assigned to officiate that event that a contestant did not give an honest effort, he 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 he did not give an honest effort, and (iii) assessed a fine in the amount of \$5,000. For purposes of this ground rule, whether a contestant gives an honest effort will be determined as follows:

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 chute stalling animal or unless the Judges 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 riggin' *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 Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete his ride.

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

Barrel Race: In the barrel race, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, her horse through the electric eyes (unless the Judges rule the contestant's horse refuses beyond the contestant's control) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Once the contestant has ridden her horse through the electric eyes, it is the sole responsibility of the Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

- E. A multi-event contestant injured in one event may be, at the discretion of the judges, held back in following event(s) if he is unable to compete during that performance. In that instance, that contestant must compete on the stock for those events in which he was held back prior to the next go-round.

V. CONTESTING POSITIONS

A. Tie-down roping and Steer Wrestling (Based on standings coming into Finals):

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| 1 st go-round - | Reverse of season standings |
| 2 nd go-round - | Start with man in 13 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 14 th |
| 3 rd go-round - | Start with man in 11 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 12 th |
| 4 th go-round - | Start with man in 9 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 10 th |
| 5 th go-round - | Start with man in 7 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 8 th |
| 6 th go-round - | Start with man in 5 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 6 th |
| 7 th go-round - | Start with man in 3 rd position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th through 4 th |
| 8 th go-round - | Start with man in 1 st position; pick up 15 th through 2 nd |
| 9 th go-round - | Start with man in 14 th position through 1 st ; pick up 15 th |
| 10 th go-round - | Reverse of PRCA World Standings following 9 th go-round (World Standings coming into the WRANGLER NFR + WRANGLER NFR earnings) |

B. Team Roping:

- 1st go-round: Put all 30 team ropers in order according to total money won as of rodeo year-end. The team roper in the 1st position and his partner will compete last in the first go-round; the team roper in the 2nd place (or 3rd if the 1st place man and his partner were tied for money won) and his partner will compete in the 14th position in the 1st go-round. Repeat this process until all 15 teams are placed in a competition position.

2. Using the positions established by the process outlined for the first go-round:
 - 2nd go-round - Start with team in 13th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 14th
 - 3rd go-round - Start with team in 11th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 12th
 - 4th go-round - Start with team in 9th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 10th
 - 5th go-round - Start with team in 7th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 8th
 - 6th go-round - Start with team in 5th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 6th
 - 7th go-round - Start with team in 3rd position through 1st; pick up 15th through 4th
 - 8th go-round - Start with team in 1st position; pick up 15th through 2nd
 - 9th go-round - Start with team in 14th position through 1st; pick up 15th
3. 10th go-round: Put all 30 team ropers in order (1- 30) according to total money won (World Standings coming into the WRANGLER NFR + WRANGLER NFR earnings) at the end of the 9th go-round. The team roper in the 1st position and his partner will compete last in the 10th go-round; the team roper in the 2nd place (or 3rd if the 1st place man and his partner were tied for total money won) and his partner will compete in the 14th competition position in the 10th go-round. Repeat this process until all 15 teams are placed in a competition position.

C. Riding Events:

1. 1st go-round: Reverse of season standings.
2. 2nd through 9th go-rounds: Reverse of PRCA World Standings following each go-round, dropping down one position each go-round, but always leaving 5th through 1st places last. Details are as follows, understanding that "place" refers to PRCA World Standings placing:
 - a. go-round: 14th place through 6th place, 15th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - b. 3rd go-round: 13th place through 6th place, 15th place through 14th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - c. 4th go-round: 12th place through 6th place, 15th place through 13th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - d. 5th go-round: 11th place through 6th place, 15th place through 12th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - e. 6th go-round: 10th place through 6th place, 15th place through 11th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - f. 7th go-round: 9th place through 6th place, 15th place through 10th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - g. 8th go-round: 8th place through 6th place, 15th place through 9th place, 5th place through 1st place
 - h. 9th go-round: 7th place through 6th place, 15th place through 8th place, 5th place through 1st place
3. Tenth go-round: Reverse of PRCA World Standings to date.

D. Barrel Race: (Based on standings coming into Finals)

1. 1st go-round - Run in order of season standings - 1 through 15
2. 2nd go-round - Start with woman in 3rd position through 15th; pick up 1st through 2nd
3. 3rd go-round - Start with woman in 5th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 4th
4. 4th go-round - Start with woman in 7th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 6th
5. 5th go-round - Start with woman in 9th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 8th
6. 6th go-round - Start with woman in 11th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 10th
7. 7th go-round - Start with woman in 13th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 12th

8. 8th go-round - Start with woman in 15th position; pick up 1st through 14th
 9. 9th go-round - Start with woman in 2nd position through 15th; pick up 1st
 10. 10th go-round - Start with woman in 4th position through 15th; pick up 1st through 3rd
- E. Changes must be authorized by the official designated by the WRANGLER NFRC to split horses in the timed events and by the Riding Event Chute Boss where it is impossible to load bucking stock in that order.

VI. PAYOFF

A. For the full go-rounds and the average, 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 Section 5.5.3 of the PRCA Bylaws for the go-rounds and according to Rules R5.6.4 and R5.6.5 of the PRCA Bylaws for the average.

B. Total Prize Money: \$10,000,000.00
Guaranteed prize money: \$1,200,000.00
Competition prize money \$8,800,000.00

1. Payoff for each of the ten full go-rounds: \$84,615.38 each

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| 1 st | \$26,230.77 | (per man in TR) |
| 2 nd | \$20,730.77 | (per man in TR) |
| 3 rd | \$15,653.85 | (per man in TR) |
| 4 th | \$11,000.00 | (per man in TR) |
| 5 th | \$6,769.23 | (per man in TR) |
| 6 th | \$4,230.77 | (per man in TR) |

2. Payoff for the average: \$253,846.15

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| 1 st | \$67,269.23 | (per man in TR) |
| 2 nd | \$54,576.92 | (per man in TR) |
| 3 rd | \$43,153.85 | (per man in TR) |
| 4 th | \$31,730.77 | (per man in TR) |
| 5 th | \$22,846.15 | (per man in TR) |
| 6 th | \$16,500.00 | (per man in TR) |
| 7 th | \$11,423.08 | (per man in TR) |
| 8 th | \$6,346.15 | (per man in TR) |

VII. RIDING EVENTS

A. GENERAL

1. If a contestant is not ready when called, either the Chute Boss (in agreement with the Judges) or the Judge(s), may fine contestant \$250 for first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense, and/or may be disqualified by the judges. If an individual is taking advantage of the contestants in that event and/or the livestock and/or the rodeo production and/or not cooperating with the chute boss' and judges' instructions resulting in an attempt to cheat or influence the results of the event, to include but not limited to causing an animal to act up or be unruly in the chute in order to receive a reride, that individual will be disqualified by the judges from that round and for subsequent offenses will be disqualified by the judges from that event for the remainder of the rodeo.

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 contestant is first to compete this would be when the flag horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. 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 contestant is first to compete this would be when the flag horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. 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 contestant is first to compete this would be when the flag horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. 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.

2. Each WRANGLER NFR participant is prohibited from riding his or her horse anywhere on the designated landscaped and lawn areas of Thomas & Mack Arena and the surrounding University of Nevada Las Vegas campus. Trespassers will be fined \$250 per offense by the WRANGLER NFRC.
3. **Scoring: Four judges will be used. The four sub-totals submitted by the four judges will be added together and then divided by 2. Fractions of a point resulting from this division shall be retained. (For example, if the four subtotals are 41,40,40,40, the sum of those subtotals is 161. 161 divided by two is 80.5. A score of 80.5 will be recorded for that contestant.)**
4. Beginning in the 2007 Rodeo Season, Extreme Bulls Division I and Division II event earnings will count for World Standings but not All-Around World Standings.

B. DRAWING STOCK

1. In Riding Events, pens for all go-rounds may be set. Once competed on and/or in the designated rerides, no horse in the bareback riding or saddle bronc riding may be competed on again until at least 60 hours have elapsed from the performance time on which the animal was competed on or designated as a ride, unless Event Representative has written approval from the stock contractor of record and submitted to the rodeo secretary prior to the draw. Once competed on, no bull in the bull riding may be competed on and/or in the designated rerides again until at least 48 hours have elapsed from the performance time on which the animal was competed on or designated as a ride, unless Event Representative has written approval from the stock contractor of record and submitted to the rodeo secretary prior to the draw. It shall be the responsibility of the respective Event Representative to acquire approval from the stock contractor to use livestock prior to the designated time allowance. For purposes of this rule, if an animal is held over to a subsequent performance in accordance with these ground rules, that animal will be considered to have been competed on during the original performance for which it was drawn.
2. Riding event pens are to be set by the Riding Event Representatives and approved by the NFR stock selection committee at time of meeting. Any changes to the pens have to be approved by the General Manager of Production.

3. All riding event livestock selected for the WRANGLER NFR must be bucked at least once at that WRANGLER NFR, with the exception of those animals which may be injured or sick, provided livestock selection procedure remains the same as is currently being used.
4. Event representatives must have at least a minimum of 5 head of the 15 head to be bucked of one delivery or the other, per each performance. (Excluding re-rides)
5. Riding Event stock for the first two go-rounds will be drawn at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 4, 2018.
6. Remaining go-rounds will be drawn daily.
7. Draw Order:
 - a. First go-round: Reverse of Season Standings.
 - b. Second through ninth go-round:
 - 2nd go-round - Start with man in 13th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 14th
 - 3rd go-round - Start with man in 11th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 12th
 - 4th go-round - Start with man in 9th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 10th
 - 5th go-round - Start with man in 7th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 8th
 - 6th go-round - Start with man in 5th position through 1st; pick up 15th through 6th
 - 7th go-round - Start with man in 3rd position through 1st; pick up 15th through 4th
 - 8th go-round - Start with man in 1st position; pick up 15th through 2nd
 - 9th go-round - Start with man in 14th position through 1st; pick up 15th
 - 10th go-round - Reverse of PRCA World standings to date.

C. RERIDES

1. A contestant shall be given a reride if the animal gets out of the chute into the arena.
2. If a contestant has made two honest attempts, the judges shall designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
3. If a drawn animal is turned out, that animal will become a part of the reride pen for that performance and, if necessary to use, will be the first reride in the reride order.
4. The order of reride animals in a riding event will be set by the Event Representative for that event (or his designated appointee) prior to each performance. If the Event Representative is also a contestant in that event at that WRANGLER NFR, the order of the rerides must be drawn. If rerides are given, animals will be used as determined by the order set. Contestants shall notify Chute Boss immediately of his decision. Judges shall mark and announcer shall announce markings of that contestant which allows him the option of a reride.
5. Rerides will be given during the same performance for which the reride is granted except in the case of injuries to contestant as ruled on by the judges. It will be the Chute Boss's decision when the reride will be taken. Reride must be taken before the start of the next go-round.

6. Injured Contestant Offered a Reride or Rerun in the Final Performance. If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of the official WRANGLER NFR Medical Staff, the doctor will determine if the contestant is capable of competing. If the contestant is ruled capable of competing, he must inform the judges of his decision to accept a reride or extra. That reride 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 reride or the extra, and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss's decision when the reride or rerun will be taken.
7. If all designated rerides in a go-round are used in competition in that go-round, any additional rerides needed shall be drawn from the sleepers remaining in the original pen which had not been drawn either for a contestant or as one of the three rerides. Rerides needed beyond those in the original pen will be selected at the discretion of the judges and the Event Representative, unless the Event Representative is also a contestant at that WRANGLER NFR, in which case the selection will be made by the judges and the Event Representative's designated appointee who is not competing in that event of that WRANGLER NFR. Under these conditions, when the animal will be ridden will be at the discretion of the Chute Boss.
8. Unless the flank comes off or there is some other equipment failure, any animal on which a reride had to be given for an inferior performance will be taken out of the draw for the rest of the rodeo.
9. With the exception of the last performance, should an animal drawn for a contestant not be available at the time of the performance, the contestant has the option of accepting a reride during that performance or electing to compete at such time as the originally drawn animal can be made available, provided that if the contestant opts to compete on the originally drawn animal, that animal must be competed on prior to that contestant's next go-round competition. If an animal drawn for a contestant the last performance is not available, the contestant must accept the reride.

D. PICKUP MEN

1. Positions will be designated which the Pickup men must use as starting points.
2. Pickup men shall not give assistance until the eight second expiration time has elapsed or contestant has been disqualified, whichever comes first.
3. In the instance that a pickup man needs to be replaced, the substitute pickup man will be a designated WRANGLER NFR arena usher.

E. BULLFIGHTERS AND BARRELMAN

1. Bullfighters must stay away from the bulls until the rider is bucked off or the whistle blows. Bullfighter may not make any attempt to turn back a bull or take a bull out of a spin. If in the opinion of the judges any bullfighter makes any attempt to turn back a bull or take him out of a spin, he will be fined \$250 progressively doubling.
2. The Barrelman must stay in the barrel and will not interfere with the judges in any way. Chute Boss will designate position of barrel. If in the opinion of the judges the barrelman interferes with the competition, he will be fined \$250 progressively doubling.

3. The bullfighters and barrelman will not be in the arena any time except during the bull riding unless requested by the General Manager of Production.
4. Procedure for fighting the bulls with three bullfighters will be done on a rotation basis with two of the bullfighters protecting the cowboys during each ride, while the added protection bullfighter stays in a ready position along the wall so as to not interfere with the bulls or other two bullfighters effecting the competition in anyway. The added protection bullfighter will assist as needed in increasing the protection for the contestants or other bullfighters. The added protection bullfighter position will rotate every two bulls.

VIII. TIMED EVENTS

A. GENERAL

1. Each tie-down roper, team roper and barrel racer will be allowed **one non-transferrable stall**, which must be confirmed at time of entry through PROCOM, at the official saddle horse area at the Thomas & Mack arena, provided the horse is used in the rodeo and housed onsite. Each steer wrestler will be allowed **two non-transferrable stalls**, which must be confirmed at time of entry through PROCOM, at the official saddle horse area at the Thomas & Mack Arena providing each horse is used in the rodeo and housed onsite. Stalls not being confirmed at entry will be forfeited by the contestant for their use. Any horse found not being used for competition at the Thomas and Mack Arena or not belonging to the contestant assigned to the stall, will result in a \$250 fine assessed to the person assigned the stall. This fine will progressively double for every 24 hour period, the animal remains in the stall. Tim Parker, the contestant stall manager, will be the only one authorized to issue extra stalls. Extra stalls will be issued on availability and no contestant will be issued more than one extra stall until all initial requests are filled. Contestants requesting an extra stall will need to submit their request to Tim Parker (208-320-1866) by November 2. Anyone not checking into their assigned stall or stalls by 2 p.m. PT, Tuesday, Dec. 4 or notifying Tim Parker to release their stall or stalls by the deadline specified above shall subject the person to a \$250 fine. **Contestant horses will only be received based on the following schedule - Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (PT), Monday, Dec. 3 from 6 am. to 11 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wrangler NFR Saddle Horse Unit.** Contestant horses must be vacated no later than 12:00 noon, Sunday, December 16, 2018. Anyone housing horse(s) at the Saddle Horse Area that do not remove their horses on time will be fined \$500 per head for the first day and progressively doubling each day thereafter until horse(s) has been picked up by the owner. Any horse(s) remaining past midnight (PT) on Monday following the rodeo, will be removed from the Thomas and Mack and any cost or liabilities incurred would be the responsibility of the owner. In addition, all contestant horses must have current health certificates and negative coggins test within 12-months of entry as required by the State of Nevada and proof of ownership (registration papers, brand inspection, bill of sale). All above documents must be presented to the saddle horse boss at time of check-in.
2. Contestants must vacate horses and/or equipment from the warm-up tent no later than 30 minutes after the awards presentation following the final performance. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$250.
3. Stock draw will be in the order of position for go-round. (Refer to Section IV). If more than one contestant is riding the same horse, Rule 11.3.13, 11.3.13.1 and 11.3.13.2 will go into effect. These splits must be made a minimum of 6 hours prior to the performance except for in the case of an emergency. This must be done through J.P. Wickett or his duly appointed representative.

4. The extra animals which are run after the performance cannot be run by contestants in that event and each run will be a competition run exactly like any other run in the performance. Violation of this ground rule will constitute an initial \$500 fine and will be progressively doubled for each violation thereafter. **Only horses used to run the extras will be allowed in the arena after the performance.**
5. Once a horse is used to run the extra animals for the timed events, that horse cannot be used for WRANGLER NFR competition thereafter. Violation of this ground rule will constitute a \$2,500 fine and will be progressively doubled for each violation thereafter.
6. Timed Event Representatives will designate person or persons to run extra cattle.
7. If in the opinion of the Chute Boss and/or the Judges if a contestant is not “ready when called” the contestant will be subject to a penalty. By definition, “ready when called” shall mean that the contestant must be riding into the box when the previous animal leaves the arena. This should be if the first contestant in team roping and tie-down roping they shall be riding into the box and steer wrestling riding into the arena when flag (sponsor) horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges.

Contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the designated judge. If the contestant exceeds the time limit, except in case of mechanical failure or a problem with the competition animal in the timed event chute in the opinion of the Judges, he will receive a penalty of \$250. For every 20 seconds over the 45-second limit the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant exceeds two (2) minutes in the box it will result in disqualification from the round.

8. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.
9. Rattling the gates in the Timed Events chutes (to get horse to score), will constitute 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.
10. Timed Event contestants will enter arena through the timed event tunnel. Tie-Down Ropers and Team Ropers will enter through the back of the box(es) with the barrier already up. Heelers cannot go past the plane of the barrier until the header calls for the steer. Steer Wrestlers will enter through the southeast entrance gate to the arena and go directly to the box. Fine for failure to enter arena accordingly, unless otherwise approved by the WRANGLER NFRC, will be \$100 for first offense and progressively doubled thereafter.
11. Steer Wrestlers and Team Ropers will exit the arena through the riding event tunnel immediately after competing, unless horse or team is to be used by a later contestant. In that case, steer wrestling contestant (and/or hazer) must exit to the moat by way of the timed event exit gate which is on the hazer’s side of the timed event chutes, where the next steer wrestling contestant to use the horse will mount the horse in preparation for competition. Team ropers on a horse which will be used by a later contestant will exit through the timed event exit gate, where the next team roping contestant to use the horse will prepare for competition in the tunnel. Tie-Down Ropers will exit the arena through the timed event exit gate and return to the exercise arena. Failure to abide by this Ground Rule will subject contestant to a \$100 fine for the first offense and progressively doubled thereafter.

12. No more than one man in the box if so requested by contestant.
13. Only one horse in the box.
14. A contestant must have hat on head while in box, with no assistance in keeping on or taking off said hat by another person.
15. The judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
16. If a timed event animal escapes or is replaced for any reason or a re-run is given for any other reason, the first available extra will be used and remain in that pen. The escaped animal would then become the first extra for that pen.
17. For any instance in which a contestant is granted a rerun by the Judges, the contestant must take the first available extra in the draw and must be competed on during that performance.
18. Injured Contestant Offered a Reride or Rerun in the Final Performance. If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of the official WRANGLER NFR Medical Staff, the doctor will determine if the contestant is capable of competing. If the contestant is ruled capable of competing, he must inform the judges of his decision to accept a reride or extra. That reride 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 reride or the extra and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss' decision when the reride or rerun will be taken. In the event the attending physician rules the contestant is physically unable to compete, the attending physician's decision is final.
19. In all timed events, no animal can be competed on prior to the contestant's horse breaking the plane of the barrier. If contestant competes on animal before breaking the plane, the contestant will be disqualified.
20. If a timed event animal escapes the confines of the arena when the contestant is still eligible to compete, the flag will be dropped and contestant must take the first available extra in the draw, lap and tap, adding this new time to the elapsed time from the original draw to find the official time for the competition.
21. Should an animal refuse to be loaded into the chute, thus putting the production in jeopardy, the Timed Event Chute Boss can declare that animal unruly and disqualify it from that performance and from future performances. In that case, the contestant with that animal drawn will be given the first available extra.
22. Horse handlers and helpers for the tie-down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping can bring the horses as far forward as the tie-down animal holding pens, but will not be allowed past this area or in the box. Only contestants and WRANGLER NFR 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 and the Assistant to the Timed Event Chute Boss.

23. Anyone tying his horse to the cattle holding pens, the arena fence in the Thomas and Mack Center, or the panels outside the arena, including during the preparation and running of cattle, will be fine \$250 per offense.
24. No personnel (family, friends, grooms, feeders, etc.) will be allowed to stay overnight in the trailers, motor homes, campers, or vehicles of any kind in the secured saddle horse and livestock area. If anyone is caught doing this a fine of \$250 will be assessed to the contestant and will progressively double thereafter.
25. Any contestant riding in the arena or bringing horses in the building prior to the posted scheduled riding times will be fined \$250, progressively doubling.
26. Each WRANGLER NFR participant is prohibited from riding his or her horse anywhere on the designated landscaped and lawn areas of Thomas & Mack Arena and the surrounding University of Nevada Las Vegas campus. Trespassers will be fined \$250 per offense by the WRANGLER NFRC.
27. Any contestant wanting a licensed veterinarian to have access to the saddle horse unit, must request a veterinarian credential form from Jed Pugsley at the PRCA office and must be submitted no later than Nov. 15.
28. All injectable medication must be administered in the medication tent by the contestant or licensed NFR credentialed veterinarian. Anyone not complying with this procedure will be fined \$1,000 for the first offense, that amount progressively doubles with every offense thereafter.
29. All dogs in the livestock/saddle horse area must be on a leash and well behaved or the owner will be subject to a \$100 fine and animal removed from the premises for the duration of the event. Any unruly animals will be subject to being turned into the Clark County Animal Control and/or UNLV Police Department under Clark County Ordinance 10.04.100 - Animal at Large.

B. TIE-DOWN ROPING

1. Extra tie-down animals shall be roped from a horse and tied down after each performance. The Roping Chute Boss will be responsible to have, at all times, at least two extra tie-down animals that were roped and tied no later than the previous run on that pen.
2. Missed tie-down animals will be roped and tied with the extras. Tie-down animals that get up will be thrown by hand and tied with the extras after the performance. No later than September 15, 2018, the Tie-Down Roping Event Representative must report to the WRANGLER NFR Production Manager the names of the designated men responsible for doing this. Those persons roping the extra tie-down animals will be subject to all rules and regulations of the PRCA, as well as any WRANGLER NFR ground rules. This includes the ground rule that the Tie-Down Roping Rule R11.6.5 is in effect for the 2018 WRANGLER NFR.
3. Contestants wishing to use two loops in tie-down roping must carry two ropes, made up and tied on, and must throw the rope tied on for a second loop. If a contestant chooses to use a second loop, the first rope must be released from either the saddle or the tie-down animal.
4. Time limit is 25 seconds.
5. There will be three pens of 25 usable tie-down animals (after the official preparation). The Tie-

Down Roping Event Representative or his designated appointee and the Judges judging that event will designate the extra tie-down animals for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If the Tie-down roping Event Representative is competing in the tie-down roping event at that WRANGLER NFR, he must designate an appointee not competing in the tie-down roping at that WRANGLER NFR to select (with the Judges) the extra tie-down animals for each pen. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and Line Judge according to the order set and the Contestant Office Manager or the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.

6. If a tie-down animal gets out of the chute before the roper has called for tie-down animal so that official time is not recorded, the roper will take the tie-down animal set as the first available extra, and will rope him in that performance, during the tie-down roping.
7. Fine for unintentional dragging of tie-down animal shall be \$100 for each violation. Intentional dragging of tie-down animal shall result in a \$250 fine for each violation, and contestant may be disqualified from that go-round.
8. The Tie-Down Roping Ground Rule R11.6.5 will be in effect for the 2018 WRANGLER NFR.
9. All PRCA rules and 2018 WRANGLER NFR ground rules will be in effect for any preparation and/or tying of the tie-down calves for the 2018 WRANGLER NFR.
10. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the calves at the Thomas and Mack
Monday procedure
 1. All calves will be run through chute with no ropes attached by the timed event chute boss and crew prior to contestants arriving.
 2. Each calf is run through chute with the neck rope. At this time, each contestant will be able to breakaway **only** two head behind barrier.
 3. The remainder will be run with neck rope and breakaway them with no barrier.
 4. Each calf will then have a rope put on and let out of chute a certain distance determined by pro official. Each calf will be held horseback and tied once, not let up and tied again if needed.
 5. Following the above procedure any changes to the pens will be done at this time. Also at this time pens are set and the order of competition for pens are set.
 6. Calves are then returned to their pen

Prior to the first three performances - At a time established by the NFR, calves will be prepared by the following procedure.

1. Each calf will have rope put on in chute and let out and held horseback. Each calf will be tied once, not let up and tied again one time if needed.

C. STEER WRESTLING

1. An initial \$250 fine will be assessed to any contestant for unnecessary roughness to steers based on the opinion of the Judges. The fine will be progressively doubled thereafter. This will specifically include unnecessary twisting of steer wrestling steer's neck after the fall has been completed.
2. Extra steers will be bulldogged from a horse and thrown down after each performance. The Timed Event Chute Boss will be responsible to see that at all times there are at least three extra

steers available that have been so bulldogged no later than the previous run on that pen.

3. Cattle not thrown down during a contest will be thrown down after the performance. No later than September 15, 2018, the Steer Wrestling Event Representative must report to the WRANGLER NFR Production Manager the names of the designated men responsible for doing this. Those persons running the extra steers will be subject to all rules and regulations of the PRCA, as well as any WRANGLER NFR ground rules.
4. Time limit is 30 seconds, with only one (1) jump allowed within the time limit.
5. There will be three pens of 20 usable steers (after the preparation). The Steer Wrestling Event Representative or his designated appointee and the Judges judging that event will designate the extra steers for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If the Steer Wrestling Representative is competing in the steer wrestling event at that WRANGLER NFR, he must designate an appointee not competing in the steer wrestling at that WRANGLER NFR to select (with the Judges) the extra steers for each pen. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and Line Judge according to the order set, and the Contestant Office Manager and/or the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.
6. If a steer gets out before the steer wrestler has called for him so the official time is not recorded, the steer wrestler will take the steer set as the first available extra in that pen and will compete on him in that performance, during the steer wrestling.
7. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the steers at the Thomas and Mack
 - a. All steers ran through chute through the arena by timed event crew prior to contestants arriving at schedule time
 - b. Put steers in the right-hand delivery bucking chutes using chute 5 as the primary chute
 - c. Each steer is let out one at a time to be thrown, immediately turned out the riding event end and penned until all pens have been thrown
 - d. Starting with the first pen, the steers will be taken to the timed event end, ran through the chute one at a time with no neck ropes. They will once again be penned at the riding event end. This process will be repeated for pens two and three.
 - e. Once all above is completed steers are then returned to the livestock area pens
8. All NFR hazers must have an active membership in the 2018 rodeo year. If during the NFR, a steer wrestler wants to change hazers, such change needs to requested at least three hours prior to the draw through the rodeo secretary. At that time they will check the new hazers 2018 rodeo year eligibility. The secretary will then get the approval from the supervising judge and become official at the draw. Any change to a hazer following the draw would require that person to be an existing contestant or hazer and get approval from the line judge or supervising judge.

D. TEAM ROPING

1. There will be three pens of 20 usable steers (after the preparation). The Team Roping Event Representative or his designated appointee and the Judges judging that event will designate the extra steers for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If the Team Roping Event Representative is competing in the team roping event at that WRANGLER NFR, he must designate an appointee not competing in the team roping at that WRANGLER NFR to select (with

the Judges) the extra steers for each pen. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and Line Judge according to the order set, and the Contestant Office Manager and/or the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.

2. If a steer gets out before the team has called for him so that official time is not recorded, the team will take the steer set as the first available extra in that pen, and will rope him in that performance, during the team roping.
3. Extra steers will be roped after the performance. No later than September 15, 2018, the Team Roping Event Representative must report to the WRANGLER NFR Production Manager the names of the designated men responsible for doing this. Those persons roping the extra team roping steers will be subject to all rules and regulations of the PRCA, as well as any WRANGLER NFR ground rules.
4. The direction of the steer's body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a crossfire and a **30-second penalty will be assessed**.
5. The time limit is 30 seconds, with a two (2) loop maximum per team.
6. Headers who drop their rope after completing competition will be fined \$100 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each additional offense.
7. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the steers at the Thomas and Mack
 - a. All steers ran through chute through the arena by timed event crew prior to contestants arriving at schedule time
 - b. Steers ran through the chute and header allowed to rope and follow to catch pen
 - c. Once all have been roped by the header, they are returned to the chute where header and heeler both rope. Each steer will be run through chute with neck rope. Each contestant will be able to run **one** steer from behind the barrier.
 - d. Steers are then returned to the pens

E. **BARREL RACE**

1. There shall be two (2) electric eyes.
2. Barrel racing contestants are allowed one assistant in alley prior to run. Assistant must be on foot and can't go beyond a designated line during the barrel race. Assistant must be in compliance with WPRA Dress Code. Contestant will be fined \$250 for first offense with the fine progressively doubling thereafter.
3. If a contestant is not ready when called, Timed Event Chute Boss and/or judge may fine contestant \$250 for first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense and/or may be disqualified by the judges. By definition, "ready when called" shall mean that the contestant must be ready to run into the arena as soon as called by the Chute Boss and/or judge.
4. Any barrel race contestants setting up and working barrels in the arena other than during the designated time will be fined \$250 for first offense, with the fine progressively doubling thereafter.

5. Barrel racing contestants will start from same alley and same gate.
6. During scheduled practices in the arena and/or alleyway, only one of the contestant's horses can be worked at a time and can only be ridden by the contestant. The order on the first practice will be 1-15 and if a contestant has more than one horse they will go to the back of the line each time with the next horse. No saving spots in line. Contestant will be fined \$250.00 for first offense, with the fine progressively doubling thereafter.
7. There will be no preparation, re-work or raking during the competition.
8. Horses shall be worked around official pattern during all scheduled barrel practices.

IX. STOCK CONTRACTORS AND LIVESTOCK

- A. The WRANGLER NFRC Stock Contractor Representative (Sammy Andrews) will act as the liaison between WRANGLER NFR Judges and stock contractors.
- B. No bareback or saddle bronc horses with a history of having to be pulled out of the chute will be eligible for the WRANGLER NFR.
- C. No horse or bull on which a bareback rigging, saddle, or bull rope normally cannot be placed prior to being loaded in the chute will be eligible for the WRANGLER NFR.
- D. **Deliveries for each animal must be listed at time of nomination or that animal will not be accepted.**
- E. **Deliveries listed at time of nomination will have until September 15, at 5:00 pm MT to be confirmed through the PRCA office. After this date no changes will be accepted.**
- F. Riding event livestock must be delivered starting on Friday, November 30 at 8:00 a.m. (PT) and must be checked in no later than Sunday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. (PT), with a readable permanent ownership and number brand. If ownership or number brand is not legible, it is the responsibility of the stock contractor to have the area around the brand clipped prior to arriving at the event. In addition, bulls must be tipped according to the 2018 PRCA Rulebook. Failure to abide by these regulations will result in a fine of \$250 per head, per offense.
- G. All cattle must be number branded and/or double ear-tagged before they arrive and all steers must have horns tipped according to the PRCA Rulebook before they arrive.
- H. All fresh brands on timed event cattle can be no larger than 4" wide and 4" tall, per figure. Violation will constitute a \$250 fine.
- I. Riding Event Livestock must be inspected by the Livestock Superintendent at time of arrival and must be accompanied by certified veterinary health papers and certificates as required by Nevada law. All required health papers must have the PRCA Stock Contracting Company of Record listed as owner. **No livestock will be accepted until such time as the required health papers and certificates are made available to the Livestock Superintendent. If this causes the livestock acceptance to be beyond the delivery deadlines, fines will be issued as stated in IX.J of the WRANGLER NFR Ground Rules.** No unfit or lame animals will be accepted or paid for. This includes any animal with wounds which are cosmetically questionable. Determination of such will be at the sole discretion of the

WRANGLER NFR Official Veterinarian and the WRANGLER NFR Livestock Superintendent.

- J. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more riding event animal after the time designated by the WRANGLER NFRC shall be fined each one-half of the amount paid by the WRANGLER NFRC for each head of riding event livestock. A stock contractor not delivering the selected animal would be fined one-half of the amount paid by the WRANGLER NFRC for that said animal and would not be paid for said animal. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more unit(s)/pen(s) of cattle after the time designated in the NFR cattle contract shall be fined one-half of the amount for said unit/pen. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more saddle horse(s) after the time designated by the WRANGLER NFRC shall be fined each one-half of the amount paid by the WRANGLER NFRC for each head of saddle horses. No animals arriving after 12 hours following the designated time by the WRANGLER NFRC will be accepted or paid for.
- K. A stock contractor who brings to the WRANGLER NFR a riding event animal which has not been requested by the WRANGLER NFRC shall be fined \$100 per animal per day such animal is kept at the WRANGLER NFR. The stock contractor is also responsible for feeding and housing the animal.
- L. Any bucking horse or bull selected for the WRANGLER NFR that is injured, prior to or during loading to be transported to the WRANGLER NFR, that would need to be replaced, the stock contractor would be required to immediately notify the WRANGLER NFR General Manager (Shawn Davis – 702-497-5161) and/or the WRANGLER NFR Livestock Superintendent (John Barnes 712-229-1226). The Event Representatives will provide the list of pens and alternates for each set of pens. Once notified of the injured animal WRANGLER NFR Production Management will contact the owner of the replacement animal based on the list. If the stock contractor has already left, production management will follow the list until one is found. If unable then the production manager and livestock superintendent would make the best effort to reach the event representative for input on the final selection. If unable then production manager and livestock superintendent would make a selection. Stock contractors not notifying as stated will be fined the amount equal to payment on one head of livestock.
- M. Upon arrival stock contractors will receive a departure time and load position. Anyone not in position at their designated time will be moved to the end of the line.
- N. All livestock must be vacated no later than 12:00 noon the day following the last performance of the WRANGLER NFR. Failure to do so will result in the offender being fined \$500 per head for the first day and progressively doubling each day thereafter until livestock has been picked up by the owner and/or stock contracting firm. Any livestock remaining past midnight (PT) on Monday following the rodeo, will be removed from the Thomas and Mack and any cost or liabilities incurred would be the responsibility of the owner and/or stock contracting firm.
- O. Upon the date that all livestock are required to be removed from the WRANGLER NFR, any sick or injured animal will be the responsibility of the contractor owning the animal.
- P. ***Any animal injured or becoming sick at the WRANGLER NFR must be examined by a veterinarian designated by the WRANGLER NFRC within one hour of the discovery of the injury or illness. Further, the veterinarian designated by the WRANGLER NFRC reserves the right, as part of the examination, to conduct drug testing on any animal injured or taken sick at the WRANGLER NFR. The drug testing (blood and/or urine) will be performed by the WRANGLER NFRC-designated veterinarian only, at the expense of the WRANGLER NFRC.***

The test results become the property of the WRANGLER NFRC. Upon request, copies of the test results will be provided without charge to the owner of the tested animal, the PRCA and the WPRA.

All WRANGLER NFR participants must sign a release accepting this provision and releasing the WRANGLER NFRC and PRCA from liability prior to competing in the WRANGLER NFR. Failure to do so will disqualify that individual's animal(s) from being used in the WRANGLER NFR.

- Q.** Any animal that appears to be unsound or injured when being unloaded at the WRANGLER NFR livestock area will be reexamined by the Livestock Superintendent and official veterinarian at time of tagging. At this time it would be the decision of the Livestock Superintendent to accept or reject the animal or animals in question. If accepted or rejected any stock contractor requesting any anti-inflammatory medication would be required to have that medication administered by the official veterinarian and ordered by the livestock superintendent and paid for by the stock contractor. The amount of medication acceptable would be the amount accepted by the Nevada Gaming Regulation for horse racing. If the animal or animals in question are declared unsound and the unsoundness or injury was prior to being loaded to be transported to the NFR the animal would not be paid for.
- R.** The procedure for replacement of sick or injured animals, after the final list of animals (105 bareback horse, 105 saddle bronc horses, 100 bulls) is finalized, will be as follows:
1. The event representatives will select five alternate animals for each pen, listing them in sequence 1 through 5 with number 1 as the first preference. If one or more animals have to be replaced, because of sickness or injury, the replacement animals will be chosen in sequence from the corresponding alternate animals, with the same delivery, designated for that pen.
 2. If for any reason a stock contractor is unable to bring the alternate animal, the sequence order will be followed and the first available animal, with the same delivery, will become replacement.
- S.** Once a stock contractor's designated livestock pen area size has been established, it will not change. Animals that need to be penned separately will be penned within the designated livestock pen area.
- T.** 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 disqualify it from that performance and from all future performances. In that case, the contestant with that animal drawn will be given a reride.
- U.** Any person who is given a flankman's pass to enter the WRANGLER NFR must flank throughout that WRANGLER NFR all stock supplied to the WRANGLER NFR by the stock contractor who gave that person the pass. If the person with the flankman's pass does not flank all that stock contractor's animals, pass may be picked up by the security director and stock contractor of record fined \$500 progressively doubling for each offense
- V.** Not Ready When Called. If a Stock Contractor or Stock Contractor's flankman is not ready when called, the Chute Boss (in agreement with the Judges) or the Judges may fine the Stock Contractor \$250 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense.

For Flankmen, the definition of "ready when called" means he/she must have the flank adjusted, gloves on if used, and ready when previous animal (flag/sponsor horse) leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges.

1. The Chute Boss has the authority to assign a flankman in the absence of the livestock owner or his designated flankman.

- W.** Stock Contractors are not allowed to use a hot shot on animals from underneath. Violators will be fined \$250 for the first offense, with said fine progressively doubling thereafter.
- X.** The length of the flank latigo on horse flanks shall be no longer than nine feet (9'). Flanks MUST be checked no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the performance. Failure to adhere to this shall result in the stock contractor being fined \$100 for the first offense, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.
- Y.** In the saddle bronc riding: The buck rein must be fastened on the bottom of the halter noseband unless fastening to the throat latch which is preferred by the contestant.
- Z.** The final decision regarding if, when, and/or how an animal is tied in belongs solely to the Riding Event Chute Boss.
- AA.** Any stock contractor turned in by the chute boss and/or judges for interfering with the production of the rodeo (i.e. by not allowing a contestant to be ready when called upon or interfering with the chute boss or judges' instructions) will be fined \$250 progressively doubling
- AB.** All medication, drugs and other substances will be provided and administered by the Official Wrangler NFR Veterinarian, at the veterinarian's discretion no later than 12 hours prior to the performance they are scheduled to be competed on. If an animal requires medication less than 12 hours from being competed on, it would be disqualified from being used from competition in that performance.
- AC.** No outside medication, drugs and other substances permitted. Anyone violating this rule would have that animal taken out of competition immediately and disqualified for any awards and fined half of the amount paid for the animal.
- AD.** All dogs in the livestock/saddle horse area must be on a leash and well behaved or the owner will be subject to a \$100 fine \$100 fine and animal removed from the premises for the duration of the event. Any unruly animals will be subject to being turned into the Clark County Animal Control and/or UNLV Police Department under Clark County Ordinance 10.04.100 - Animal at Large.
- AE.** Stock Contractors may attend the tagging of livestock but must stay in designated area and not interfere with Judges, State Brand Inspectors the WRANGLER NFR vet or Livestock Superintendent. Anyone violating this rule, in the opinion of the judges, will be fined \$250 for the first offense, progressively doubling for each offense thereafter.

X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND FINES

- A.** Rule violations (and corresponding fines) will be posted in the rodeo office immediately following each performance. Fines will be posted to contestant's PRCA Accounts Receivable statement and will be due accordingly.
- B.** The arena must be clear of all contestants thirty (30) minutes prior to each performance. Any contestant in the arena during that time must not go beyond the moat. The fine for being in the arena during that time will be \$100 per offense.
- C.** Contestants are not to call secretaries for information regarding their stock draw.

- D. Only stock contractors will be allowed access to the arena via the ladder until after all the timed event extras have been run. Violators will be fined \$100 for first offense, said fine progressively doubling thereafter.
- E. The following conduct by any WRANGLER NFR participant (contestant, stock contractor, contract personnel) shall be regarded as a Class III offense:
 1. **B10.3.3 Influencing a PRCA Official (WPRA Rule 9.3).** Attempting to bribe, influence through physical intimidation, or fix an event through contact with any PRCA official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge at a time when an event is in progress. Violators of this rule shall be reported to the WRANGLER NFRC by the WRANGLER NFR Judges involved.
 2. **B10.3.4 Harassing a PRCA Official or Spectator (WPRA Rule 9.3).** Engaging in, or attempting to engage in, any action threatening, berating, harassing, intimidating, assaulting or striking a rodeo official, a rodeo spectator, any official representative or employee of the PRCA, any WRANGLER NFR official, or any Member.
- F. No one will be allowed to practice or ride in the arena at undesignated times. Fine for this violation will be \$250 for the first offense, doubling progressively thereafter.
- G. ***Anything other than gloves, piggin' strings, or hats thrown into the audience after completing the ride or run will constitute a fine of \$250 per offense.***
- H. Judges will inspect each pen of animals for every event prior to each performance at which time they will determine the health of all animals. If any roughstock animals need to be taken out they will consult with the Livestock Superintendent prior to making the decision. If any timed event animals need to be taken out it will be the judges' decision.
- I. Unruly or unmanageable animals, including contestants' horses, that endanger WRANGLER NFR personnel, contestants, or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the WRANGLER NFR, may be disqualified by the Judges from further use.
- J. All horses and cattle brought by stock contractors or contestants for use at the WRANGLER NFR must meet the Nevada State Health requirements. As a reminder negative Coggins in the state of Nevada is a twelve (12) month requirement from time of arrival at the WRANGLER NFR.
- K. Only official WRANGLER NFR veterinarians are allowed access to the arena floor. Should the contestant participating on an animal that becomes injured have a personal veterinarian present, that veterinarian may assume the responsibility of the care of the injured animal once the animal has been transported from the arena floor to the top of the tunnel and blood has been drawn on the injured animal by the official veterinarian.
- L. Each WRANGLER NFR contestant, stock contractor and selected contract personnel member who has been assigned a complimentary hotel room must check into that room unless, by his choice, he wishes to relinquish the assigned room. The room may be relinquished by faxing a statement releasing the room to 702/260-8622, attention Alex Regeski. Such notification must be done no later than 4:00 P.M. (Las Vegas time), on Monday, December 3, 2018. Failure to either check into the complimentary room or to release the room by the deadline specified above shall subject person to a \$250 fine and room cancellation.

- M. Each WRANGLER NFR contestant shall be required to attend an autograph session as requested by their host hotel (regardless of staying in the complementary room or not). Designated times and locations are below. The required time to sign autographs will be for two hours. The first hour will be for autographs with the second being a Q&A session for the fans. Failure to show up or participate for the entire two hours will result in a \$2,500 fine.**

Friday, Dec.7

Barrel Racers 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino (The Grand Foyer)

Saturday, Dec. 8

Tie-Down Ropers 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm MGM Grand (Main Lobby)

Monday, Dec. 10

Team Ropers 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Fan Fest- Rodeo Way – Cowboy Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Steer Wrestlers 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Fan Fest- Rodeo Way – Cowboy Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Bull Riders 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Treasure Island (Gilley’s Saloon)

Thursday, Dec. 13

Bareback Riders 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm New York New York

Friday, Dec. 14

Saddle Bronc Riders 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Harrah's (Toby Keith's Bar)

- N. Any contestant, stock contractor, employee, and/or contract personnel that are in possession of or displaying eagle, hawk, owl or other protected migratory bird feathers, talons or parts will be fined \$250.00 for the first offense with that fine progressively doubling. Under the US Department of Fish & Wildlife.**
- O. FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF CONTESTANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ARENA, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE LAST PERFORMANCE, UNTIL AFTER PHOTOGRAPHERS AND PRESS PERSONS ARE FINISHED WITH INTERVIEWS.**
- P. Influencing NFR hired personnel.** Attempting to bribe, influence through physical intimidation, or fix an event through contact with any NFR hired personnel at any time, in or out of the arena, shall be subject to either a fine and/or disqualification dependent on the offense.

XI. AWARDS

- A.** The WRANGLER NFR winner is the event average winner and will be the recipient of the WRANGLER NFR buckle and saddle.
- B.** In case of a tie for WRANGLER NFR winner, there will be duplicate awards.
- C.** Disruption of any Wrangler NFR awards presentation would be considered a PRCA/WPRA Class III offense and enforced accordingly.

XII. REPORTING TIME

- A. Every contestant must report to Meeting Room B at the Thomas & Mack Coliseum starting at 9:30 A.M. and must be checked in no later than 11:15 A.M., Wednesday, December 5, 2018.
- B. Any contestant missing this deadline may receive a cash fine not to exceed \$250 which must be paid before he/she can compete, but if any contestant willfully or purposely misses the deadline, he/she may be disqualified from Finals competition by action of the WRANGLER NFR.
- C. All contestants must be saddled and ready for the Rehearsal at the Thomas and Mack Arena on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 no later than 11:45 A.M. **This is a required function, and failure to attend will result in a fine of \$500. Visible injuries or medical releases will not be accepted to be excused from the Grand Entry rehearsal.**
- D. WRANGLER NFR jackets, rings, contestant numbers, and a contestant advance will be distributed at the PRCA Convention Welcome Reception on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Multi-event contestants will receive one ring, one jacket, and one number. They will also receive a room and the NFR Contestant guaranteed prize money for each event they are qualified in.

XIII. REHEARSAL

- A. All contestants must be available at the Thomas & Mack Arena, dressed in cowboy clothes for mug shots during contestant check-in, which will be followed by the Grand Entry rehearsal and group pictures at 11:45 A.M., Wednesday, December 5, 2018.
- B. Any contestant not attending, arriving late, leaving prior to dismissal or refusing to cooperate during Grand Entry and/or opening rehearsal will be fined \$500 for each violation. **Visible injuries or medical releases will not be accepted to be excused from the Grand Entry rehearsal.**

XIV. GRAND ENTRY

- A. Contestant will be fined \$100 for missing any performance Grand Entry or performance Introduction or for not returning his/her horse to the proper location. Visible injuries or medical releases will not be accepted to be excused from the Grand Entry or performance introductions.
- B. All contestants entered in the rodeo except for the top 15 bareback riders are required to ride in the Grand Entry each performance.
- C. A grand entry horse will be assigned to the top 15 saddle bronc riders and top 15 bull riders. All timed event contestants are required to furnish their own grand entry horse. If in the case of multiple contestants riding the same mount, contestants in that situation may request a grand entry horse be furnished to them during the event. That request must be made no later than Nov. 2, 2018 through the contestant stall manager, Tim Parker (208-320-1866). If request is granted you forfeit the right for a horse stall or stalls (steer wrestling) at the event. Every horse being fed and stalled on the grounds will be used in the Grand Entry on request. A contestant with an assigned horse must return this horse to the official saddle horse area at the Thomas & Mack Arena immediately after the Grand Entry. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$100 per offense.
- D. Based off back number ranking, the contestant with the best ranking from each U.S. State/Country is required to carry that State's/Country's flag during the contestant introduction. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$100 for each offense.

- E. Any contestant carrying the state flag during the contestant introduction who waives the flag, thus endangering the other contestants, the flag girls, spectators or other personnel or carrying it in a disrespectful manner will be fined \$250 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense. Any contestant not returning their flag to its designated area/person immediately after the grand entry will be fined \$250 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense.
- F. Any contestant performing an act, such as pulling the bridle off the horse, pulling the back cinch to flank the horse, etc., thus endangering the other contestants, the flag girls, spectators, other personnel or animals will be fined \$250 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense.
- G. No items will be allowed to be thrown into the audience during Grand Entry. Violators will be fined \$250 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense thereafter.
- H. A contestant must ride under the U.S. State or Country of the address on file at the PRCA/WPRA unless otherwise requested at time of entry and approved by the Production Manager. Requests will not be accepted after entry closing.
- I. Any contestant taking an extra, unauthorized lap in the grand entry will be fined \$1,000 for the first lap, doubling progressively for each unauthorized lap taken. In the final grand entry of the final performance, the State or Country approved by the General Manager of Production as having the largest number of NFR qualified contestants will be allowed to make one additional lap. Only the contestants that have been assigned to the State or Country will be permitted to take the one extra lap in the final performance.

XV. EVENT INTRODUCTION

- A. Contestant may be fined \$100 for failing to take an introductory ride at the end of his/her event as an event winner at each performance.

XVI. PASSES

- A. Each contestant, stock contracting company, and contract person will be given one ticket for each performance.
- B. Each employee and official will have an identification badge or card. For the contestants, the WRANGLER NFR number will be sign of admission to all areas. Other than contestants, persons must have an "All Access picture identification" card to be allowed on the arena floor.
- C. PRCA membership or permit cards will not be accepted for admission at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.
- D. All non-credentialed personnel accompanying a contestant into the saddle horse unit must be signed in and out each and every time by the contestant and receive a visitor badge when signed in and returned when signed out. The badge must be visible at all times. Anyone abusing or not using this system will be subject to a \$100 fine.

XVII. PARKING

- A. There will be a separate parking area for WRANGLER NFR contestants and personnel. Such parking is available only with an authorized parking pass or parking credentials.
- B. Day haulers need to arrive no later than three hours before each performance to be parked. Anyone not arriving prior to this time, will have to wait until after the rodeo to exit the compound.
- C. Timed event contestants entered in the WRANGLER NFR pulling trailers will be allowed in the livestock/saddle horse area. A parking pass will be issued from the saddle horse boss upon arrival for that area. Motorized vehicles without a pass or any other parking pass besides the one issued from the saddle horse boss will not be granted access to this area. The pass must be displayed at all times when in the area and motorized vehicles in violation will be subject to towing.

XVIII. WRANGLER NFR OFFICES

- A. The WRANGLER NFR production office is located in the Thomas & Mack Coliseum. All WRANGLER NFR operations, i.e., Contestant Office, Press office, and the General Manager's office, will be coordinated.

XIX. REQUIRED FUNCTIONS

Contestants who are not present at functions where gifts are presented will not be allowed to receive the gifts at a later time unless approved otherwise by the WRANGLER NFRC.

A. Monday, December 3, 2018:

4:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. *Tie-down roping: Working WRANGLER NFR tie-down animals at Thomas & Mack Arena.*

B. Tuesday, December 4, 2018:

8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. *Barrel Racers: Practice runs at Thomas & Mack arena.*

10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. *Team Ropers: WRANGLER NFR team roping steers worked, Thomas & Mack Arena.*

12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. *Steer Wrestlers: WRANGLER NFR steer wrestling steers worked. Thomas & Mack Arena.*

1:00 P.M. *Riding Event stock draw for first two go-rounds.*

6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. *PRCA Convention Welcome Reception, South Point Hotel & Casino – Napa C & D WRANGLER NFR contestant and one guest. WRANGLER NFR contestant numbers, jackets, rings, and contestant advance will be presented. Multi event contestants will receive an advance for each event they are qualified in.*

C. Wednesday, December 5, 2018:

9:30 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. *Contestant Registration, Meeting Room B, Thomas & Mack Center.*

11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. *Contestant Grand Entry Rehearsal, Thomas & Mack Arena.*

1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. *Contestant group pictures, Thomas & Mack.*

D. Thursday, December 6, 2018:

8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. *Tie-down roping - 1st pen of tie-down animals worked, Thomas & Mack.*

6:45 P.M. – Conclusion *First Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack.*

E. Friday, December 7, 2018:

8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. *Tie-down roping - 2nd pen of tie-down animals worked, Thomas & Mack.*

6:45 P.M. - Conclusion *Second Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack.*

F. Saturday, December 8, 2018:

8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. *Tie-down roping - 3rd pen of tie-down animals worked, Thomas & Mack.*

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- 6:45 P.M. – Conclusion *Third Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack*
- G. Sunday, December 9, 2018:**
6:45 P.M. - Conclusion *Fourth Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack.*
- H. Monday, December 10, 2018:**
6:45 P.M. - Conclusion *Fifth Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack.*
- I. Tuesday, December 11, 2018:**
6:45 P.M. - Conclusion *Sixth Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack.*
- J. Wednesday, December 12, 2018:**
6:45 P.M. – Conclusion *Seventh Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack.*
- K. Thursday, December 13, 2018:**
6:45 P.M. – Conclusion *Eighth Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack.*
- L. Friday, December 14, 2018:**
6:45 P.M. – Conclusion *Ninth Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack.*
- M. Saturday, December 15, 2018:**
6:45 P.M. - Conclusion *Tenth Performance, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Thomas & Mack.
After 10th performance = Recognition of Wrangler NFR average winners, World Champions, and presentation of sponsorship awards in arena. FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF CONTESTANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ARENA, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE LAST PERFORMANCE, UNTIL AFTER PHOTOGRAPHERS AND PRESS PERSONS ARE FINISHED WITH INTERVIEWS.*