

2019 Heart O' Texas Rodeo (One HOT Rodeo) October 5 – 12, 2019 GROUND RULES

I. QUALIFICATIONS & LIMITS

- A. The 2019 Heart O' Texas Rodeo (RODEO) will have the following qualifications and limits:**
- B. Bareback Riding:** Limited to the top 30 contestants in the PRCA World Standings as of the finals standings on September 15, 2019. If not all top 30 contestants enter then positions will be filled starting with 31st ranked contestant and so on until all positions are filled. No permits will be accepted.
- C. Saddle Bronc Riding:** Limited to the top 30 contestants in the PRCA World Standings as of the finals standings on September 15, 2019. If not all top 30 contestants enter then positions will be filled starting with 31st ranked contestant and so on until all positions are filled. No permits will be accepted.
- D. Bull Riding:** Limited to the top 60 contestants in the PRCA World Standings as of the final standings on September 15, 2019. If 60 entries are not received at close of entries then the number of contestants shall be 30. If 30, then the top 30 in the PRCA World Standings will be accepted. All other entries will be drawn out. No permits will be accepted.
- E. Tie-Down Roping:** Limited to the top 60 contestants in the PRCA World Standings as of the final standings on September 15, 2019. If not all top 60 positions filled then the remain positions will be filled with the next highest ranked contestant until all positions are filled. No permits will be accepted.
- F. Steer Wrestling: Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping:** Limited to the top 60 contestants in the PRCA World Standings as of the final standings on September 15, 2019. If not all top 60 positions filled then the remain positions will be filled with the next highest ranked contestant until all positions are filled. No permits will be accepted.
- G. WPRA Barrel Racing Qualifier:** Pre-rodeo qualifier will occur on September 23, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Extraco Events Center. Top 60 contestants based on time will qualify for the rodeo performance. No permits will be accepted.

II. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- A. Contestants shall enter by calling PROCOM. Entries will be open from 10:00 A.M. Mountain Daylight Time, Monday, September 16, 2019 until 10:00 A.M. Mountain Daylight Time, Wednesday, September 18, 2019.**

III. TURN OUT, DOCTOR RELEASE, VISIBLE INJURY SUBSTITUTIONS.

- A. Substitutions may not be allowed after the 30 hour deadline. If a DR or VI is replaced, the alternate contestant, will be responsible for entry fees. If no replacement is found, the original contestant will be responsible for entry fees.**

Once contestant entry has been made, the following fines will apply:

According to PRCA/WPRA rules.

Notification of DR must be called into PROCOM during their regular business hours.

- B. Substitutions may not be allowed after the 30 hour deadline. If a TO is replaced, the alternate contestant, will be responsible for entry fees. If no replacement is found, the original contestant will be responsible for entry fees.

Once contestant entry has been made, the following fines will apply:

According to PRCA/WPRA rules.

Notification of turn outs must be called into PROCOM during their regular business hours.

IV. TURN OUT, DOCTOR RELEASE, VISIBLE INJURY AFTER START OF COMPETITION.

- A. Contestants must compete in the first go-round in order to continue participating in the RODEO.
- B. Any team entered in the team roping event at the RODEO suffering disabling injury, illness or turn out to either partner during the time period of the RODEO may be allowed to continue roping with a substitute partner chosen from among any PRCA contestant already entered in the RODEO, but not already competing in the team roping at the RODEO. If this happens, the newly formed team is eligible for go-round money only, and the newly formed team is not eligible for advancement to the semi-finals, or the finals. Once the newly formed team has competed, the original team cannot be reformed.
- C. If injured, a contestant (with valid letter from the official RODEO medical staff) may not compete in any given performance and return to competition the following performance. Notification of a medical turn out must be given to the Rodeo Secretary no later than three hours prior to the start of the performance. In the team roping this pertains to the entire team if one or both of the partners is injured.
- D. A non-valid turn out after competing at the RODEO will result in disqualification, loss of monies won, and a \$1,500 fine.

V. GENERAL

- A. By confirming your intent to compete in the 2019 Heart O' Texas Rodeo to be held at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX, October 5 – 12, 2019, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these ground rules, the RODEO Patch Sponsorship Rules Addendum and all other Addenda and Exhibits to these Ground Rules, the PRCA and the WPRA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules, and any other applicable rules, including all releases of liability set forth in those documents.
- B. Each person who qualifies to compete must also complete and sign the "PRCA/WPRA Release and Waiver and Choice of Venue" form, and this document must be received by the Rodeo Secretary prior to the first scheduled competition in order to be eligible to compete.
- C. The RODEO will count towards 2020 world standings and money won qualifications per PRCA Bylaws under sections B12.1 and as long as the contestant has satisfied the participation requirements. The RODEO will count towards WPRA 2020 Pro Rodeo World Standings and 2020 Texas Pro Rodeo Circuit Standings.
- D. Designated contestants (as listed below) may be required to be in the arena prior to each performance no later than the time specified by the Manager of Production for spotlight introduction. Anyone not appearing in the spotlight will be fined \$100.

Prior to 1st performance: Top event leaders coming into RODEO based on contestant group participating that performance

Prior to 2nd performance: Top event leader from 1st go-round

Prior to 3rd performance: Top event leaders coming into RODEO coming into RODEO based on contestant group participating that performance

Prior to 4th performance: Top event leaders from 1st go-round

Prior to 5th performance: Top event leaders coming into RODEO coming into RODEO based on contestant group participating that performance

Prior to 6th performance: Top event leaders from 1st go-round

Prior to 7th performance: Top event leaders qualified for the finals based on money won

- E. The event winner for each performance must be prepared to take a victory lap following his/her event at the RODEO Performance. In addition, immediately following the last bull rider all event winners for each performance are to be prepared to walk to a designated location (set by the Production Manager) for introduction. Failure to participate in any one of these functions will result in a \$100.00 fine for each violation.
- F. No RODEO participant may wear or display in the Extraco Events Center or competition arena of the RODEO (including the areas behind the chutes and the moat) any patch or Signage (as defined in the PRCA “Rules & Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena”) which is in conflict with, or opposed to, PRCA’s and/or Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Properties, Inc. National Sponsors, unless registered by PRCA Properties in the 2018 PRCA Patch Program. WPRA contestants see Exhibit A – WPRA Rule 19.1.1.
- G. A contestant in each event will be chosen to represent a sponsor team. Sponsor team participants will be selected Thursday night prior to the rodeo beginning. There will be a total of 30 teams and each contestant will be designated to a sponsor team. Each team member will be required to wear a sponsor back number and make one appearance at the sponsor’s place of business, if requested, during the RODEO.
- H. Nightly event winners are required to attend an autograph session immediately following each performance at a designated area. Unless excused due to injury, failure to participate in the autograph session shall result in loss of bonus money and/or prizes.
- I. Each contestant will be furnished a RODEO 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 RODEO 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 RODEO back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the RODEO back number in its entirety as outlined above will result in a fine of \$1,000.00 for the first offense, \$2,000.00 for the second offense, \$4000.00 for the third offense, and disqualification for the fourth and subsequent offense. A contestant may be fined without warning and may be subject to immediate disqualification if the offense takes place during the semi-finals or finals.
- J. All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by a unanimous vote of all PRCA 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 and (ii) 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 Pro Officials rule the contestant was fouled coming out of the chute) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Specifically, the bareback riding contestant must have his hand in the rigging 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 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 PRCA Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, PRCA Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete his ride.

Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping: In the timed events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse across the score line (unless the PRCA 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 PRCA Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, PRCA 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 eye (unless the PRCA 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 PRCA Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, PRCA Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

- K. Any contestant using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, or using inappropriate gestures will be fined in accordance with Bylaw B10.3.6, of the PRCA Rulebook or the WPRA Rulebook, Conduct Detrimental to Public Image and will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$500.00, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.

VI. CHECK-IN

- A. Contestants, RODEO Officials, and RODEO Contract Personnel are required to check-in at the Rodeo Secretary's office (or designated area determined by the Rodeo Secretary) at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. prior to the first go round of competition or the first performance in which the contestant is slated to compete. At that time, each contestant will receive a packet of information and credentials. Failure to check-in during this time may result in loss of bonus money and/or prizes.
- B. Contestants will receive no more than one free ticket for each performance.
- C. Stalls will be on a first come, first served basis. All contestant horses must be removed from the stalls no later than Noon on Sunday, October 13th, 2019. Failure to do so shall result in a \$500.00 fine per horse left in the stalls past the deadline.
- D. Steer wrestling contestants are to report the name of their hazer and their PRCA card number to the Rodeo Secretary at the time of check-in. Any hazer who is not already a contestant must have a back number, which entitles only that person access to the arena

area. Hazers for the RODEO must have been active PRCA members in the 2019 rodeo year.

VII. MEETING/REHEARSAL

- A. All contestants (scheduled to compete in that night's performance), stock contractors, RODEO Officials, and RODEO Contract Personnel are required to attend a meeting and rehearsal **PRIOR TO EACH CONTESTANT'S FIRST PERFORMANCE**, scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the rodeo arena at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX. Contestants qualifying for Performance 7 are required to attend a meeting and rehearsal prior to that performance.
- a. Performance 1: Meeting & Rehearsal Saturday, October 5th at 5:00 p.m.**
 - b. Performance 3: Meeting & Rehearsal Tuesday, October 8th at 5:00 p.m.**
 - c. Performance 5: Meeting & Rehearsal Thursday, October 10th at 5:00 p.m.**
 - d. Finals Qualifiers: Meeting & Rehearsal Saturday, October 12th at 5:00 p.m.**
- B. PRCA- All rehearsals/meetings will require all contestants to sign-in and attend the meeting/rehearsal until dismissed. Any contestant failing to sign-in and/or attend a meeting or rehearsal may result in the loss of bonus money and/or prizes.
- C. WPRA- Performance rehearsals/meetings are not required. However contestant must check in with secretary prior to performance. Finals Qualifiers are required to attend Meeting & Rehearsal Saturday, October 12th at 5:00 p.m.

VIII. FORMAT

- A. The RODEO will be a seven performance rodeo. The first six performances will consist of two go rounds back-to-back, performance-to-performance and 2 go rounds of slack for timed events only. WPRA see VIII.A.d.
- a. Saddle Bronc & Bareback:** 30 contestants maximum 2 head back to back, performance to performance with finals. Group A will go performance 1 & 2, Group B will go performance 3 & 4 and Group C will go performance 5 & 6. **THERE IS NO AVERAGE.**
 - b. Bull Riding:** 60 contestants maximum 1 head with finals. If not 60 entries then draw down to 30 maximum contestants 2 head back to back, performance to performance with finals. If 30, Group A will go performance 1 & 2, Group B will go performance 3 & 4 and Group C will go performance 5 & 6. **THERE IS NO AVERAGE IF 30.**
 - c. Steer Wrestling, Tie-Down Roping and Team Roping:** 60 contestants maximum 2 head back to back, performance to performance with finals. 30 contestants in slack back to back, 2 go rounds in slack.
 - d. WPRA Barrel Racing:** Qualifier on September 23, 2019. Top 60 qualifiers to rodeo performance. 1 head in performances with finals.
- B. Advancement to Finals Round:**
Timed events - The top 12 contestants (12 teams) in the average will advance to the Finals. In the timed events reverse order from 12th in average to 1st in average will be position of go.

Saddle Bronc & Bareback: Top 4 from each group based on money won will advance to the finals. Position 1, 2, 3 will be drawn from the fourth place winners in each group. Position 4, 5, 6 will be drawn from the third place winners in each group. Positions 7, 8, 9 will be drawn from the second place winners in each group. Positions 10, 11, 12 will be drawn from the first place winners in each group.

Bull Riding: If 60 contestants the top 12 contestants based on money won will advance to the finals. Competition will be low score to high score. If 30 contestants the top 4 from each group based on money won will advance to the finals. Positions will run like Saddle Bronc and Bareback if 30 contestants.

Any ground money awarded to a contestant, except for those in the bull riding event, will not count as money won, nor be used in determining money winners who advance.

C. Tie Breakers:

1. Advancement to the finals: If tied, the tie will go to any go-round winner. If still tied the tie will be broken by the single fastest time or highest score in a go-round. If still tied, the tie will be broken by 2019 PRCA/WPRA World Standings. WPRA standings as of September 1, 2019.
2. Rodeo winner (for bonus money, prizes, etc): If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the single fastest time or highest score in any go-round. If still tied refer to #1.
3. Nightly winners in the first 6 performances (for bonus money, prizes, etc): Refer to #1.
4. WPRA Qualifier ties will be broken by advancing the contestant placing highest in the 2019 Pro Rodeo World Standings as of September 1, 2019.

D. Should any one or more of the qualifiers for the finals be injured or unable to compete, the next highest qualifier from the bracket which the injured contestant competed in will advance. If there is a tie, refer to C1.

IX. ENTRY FEES/Payout

A. Entry Fees for all events will be \$300.00 plus \$50.00 finals plus \$21 Procom charge.

X. COMPETITION ORDER AND DRAW ORDER

A. Contestants will be seeded into the performances from their ranking in the PRCA World Standings in the following order and will consist of three brackets:

Group A (will compete in the first and second performances):

Contestants ranked 3,4,9,10,15,16,21,22,27,28

Group B (will compete in the third and fourth performance):

Contestants ranked 2,5,8,11,14,17,20,23,26,29

Group C (will compete in the fifth and sixth performances):

Contestants ranked 1,6,7,12,13,18,19,24,25,30

Barrel Racing will be slowest to fastest from qualifier with Procom handling any trades. After trade deadline Procom will random draw each performance.

B. Finals Round: In the timed events, position will be in reverse order of the average from slowest to fastest. Riding events and Barrel Racing will be random draw.

C. Contestants who are competing in a PRCA circuit finals must request "no conflict" and their placement at the 2019 Heart O' Texas Rodeo at the time of entry to guarantee no conflict. Trades will be accepted through Thursday, September 27th at 5 pm.

XI. TIMED EVENTS

A. All contestants with animals must have the following documents for their animals in order to participate in the RODEO:

1. Valid veterinary certificate of inspection or health certificate issued within thirty (30) days of the date of admission to the grounds or current regulations. Documents must be signed by a licensed veterinarian.
 2. Current Coggins test.
- B. Cattle used in the timed events shall be selected by the Heart O' Texas Rodeo Committee. Selected timed event stock contractors will provide one animal for every contestant plus extras.
 - C. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.00.
 - D. Rattling the gates in the timed event chutes (to get a horse to score) will result in a \$250.00 fine which will progressively double for each violation thereafter.
 - E. If a contestant is not ready when called, the Chute Boss in agreement with the PRCA Judges, or the PRCA Judges, may fine a contestant \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. For purposes of these ground rules, "ready when called" shall be defined as the following: contestant must be riding into the box when previous animal is excused from the arena.
 - F. Timed event contestants will enter and exit the arena as directed by the Manager of Production.
 - G. There shall be no more than one man in the box if so requested by the contestant. Only one horse in the box will be permitted.
 - H. A contestant must have their hat on while in the box, with no assistance in keeping on or taking off said hat by another person.
 - I. The PRCA Judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
 - J. Time Limits are as follows (not including penalties):

Tie Down Roping:	25 seconds
Steer Wrestling:	60 seconds
Team Roping:	30 seconds
 - K. Calves will be tied prior to each of the three first go-round competitions. Calves selected for the finals may be tied again if mutually agreed upon by the event representative and timed event livestock director.
 - L. The RODEO Committee shall designate a time for extras in each of the timed events to be run.
 - M. If a timed event animal escapes the chute prior to the contestant calling for him, that contestant will automatically receive the first extra and will compete on that animal in the performance. The escaped animal will be put back into the herd.
 - N. Headers who drop their rope after completing competition will be fined \$100.00 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling thereafter.
 - O. In the team roping, only two loops will be allowed.

XII. RIDING EVENTS

- A. Two Judges will be used to score each ride.
- B. Stock for the RODEO will be selected by the Heart O' Texas Rodeo Committee. Any performance pens set are subject to the final approval of the Director of Rodeo Administration, Event Representatives, and the Rodeo Committee.
- C. If a contestant is not ready when called, the Chute Boss in agreement with the PRCA Judges, or the PRCA Judges may fine said contestant \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. Likewise, if a Stock Contractor or Stock Contractor's flank man is not ready when called, the Chute Boss in agreement with the PRCA Judges may fine said Stock Contractor \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. For purposes of these ground rules, "ready when called" shall be defined as follows:

Bareback Riding: Contestant must be over horse with hand in rigging when previous horse leaves the arena.

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.

Bull Riding: Contestant must be pulling rope when previous bull leaves the arena.

Stock Contractor/Flank Man: Flank man must have the flank adjusted, gloves on if used, and ready when previous animal leaves the arena.

- D. The Chute Boss has the authority to assign a flank man in the absence of the livestock owner or his/her designated flank man.
- E. Stock for the first and second go-round for group A will be posted by 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 5th, 2018, in the Rodeo Secretary's office. The stock for the other two groups will be posted by 6:00 p.m. the day before that group competes.
- F. A contestant may compete on the same animal in the semi-finals, or finals round that said contestant competed on in one of the long go-rounds.
- G. Should an animal refuse to be loaded into the chute, thus putting the production in jeopardy, the Livestock Superintendent can declare that animal unruly and dismiss it from that performance. In that case, the contestant who drew the unruly animal will be given a re-ride.
- H. If a drawn animal is turned out for any reason, that animal will become part of the re-ride pen for that performance and if necessary to use, that animal will be the first re-ride in the re-ride order. In the semi-finals or finals if the next highest qualifier is advanced because of a doctor release taken by a qualifier, that replacement will be required to compete on the animal drawn for the original qualifier.

XIII. Barrel Race

- A. Barrel Racers must run in and run out. Venue specific ground rules will be posted in the secretary's office. Failure to adhere to these ground rules will result in a \$100 fine.
- B. All contestants with animals must have the following documents for their animals in order

to participate in the RODEO:

1. If required by state veterinarian a valid veterinary certificate of inspection or health certificate issued within thirty (30) days of the date of admission to the grounds. Documents must be signed by a licensed veterinarian.
 2. Current Coggins test.
- C. If a contestant is not ready when called, the Arena Director in agreement with the PRCA Judges may fine contestant \$250.00 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling thereafter. For purposes of these ground rules, “ready when called” shall be defined as the following: contestant must be ready to ride into alley when the “side” alley gate is opened.
- D. Barrel Racing contestants will enter and exit the arena directed by the Arena Director.
- E. Arena crew will hand rake each barrel after every 5th run in the barrel race and after each 4 in finals. During Qualifier tractor drag after every 5 runs.
- F. For the WPRA Barrel Racers, the RODEO will count towards WPRA 2020 Pro Rodeo World Standings and 2020 Texas Pro Rodeo Circuit Standings.

XIV. LIVESTOCK

- A. Stock must be inspected by the Livestock Superintendent at the time of arrival and must be accompanied by current certified veterinary health papers and certificates as required by Texas Law. No sore, lame, sick, or injured animal will be accepted or paid for. This includes any animal with a wound that, in the PRCA’s sole discretion, is cosmetically questionable. Bred mares in late term of pregnancy or mares with colts will not be accepted.
- B. All bull horns must be tipped per PRCA Rule R8.9.5.1. Any bull delivered for the RODEO that require tipping of horns shall subject the stock contractor that is supplying that livestock to a single fine of \$250.00 per horn.
1. The bull must be tipped according to PRCA Rule R8.9.5.1 by the supplying stock contractor or their designee before the animal can be competed upon. Failure to tip the animal before competition will result in the animal being pulled from competition for the RODEO. The animal will not be considered acceptable and will not be paid for and a fine of \$1000.00 can be assessed to the supplying Stock Contractor’s firm.
- C. In accordance with Rule R8.13.1.3 of the PRCA Rulebook, all riding event livestock must have an ownership brand of the PRCA-member Stock Contractor furnishing the livestock. A number brand is also required on all riding event livestock furnished for the RODEO. All brands must be readable and permanent. Failure to abide by the conditions of this ground rule may result in a fine of \$500 per animal, assessed to the supplying Stock Contractor’s firm.
- D. Riding event livestock must be removed no later than 12:00 Noon, Sunday, October 14th, 2018. Failure to do so will result in a single \$500.00 fine.
- E. No horse or bull on which a bareback rigging, saddle, or bull rope normally cannot be placed and/or cinch pulled prior to being loaded in the chute will be eligible for the RODEO. If such an animal is brought, and thus causes a delay in production, the Stock Contractor will be fined \$250.00 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling.