

CANADIAN FINALS RODEO
NOVEMBER 11-15, 2015
GROUND RULES

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1. Twelve (12) contestants per event shall be allowed to compete at the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) in the events of Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Ladies Barrel Racing and Team Roping and the top three (3) in the Novice Saddle Bronc, Novice Bareback and the top six (6) in the Boys Steer Riding shall be entitled to compete.

CFR contestants will qualify in the following manner:

- a) Top twelve (12) contestant card members as ranked by the official CPRA standings in each of the seven major events.
- b) If a CFR qualifier is unable to compete in the CFR, the next highest ranked contestant card member in the official CPRA standings shall be invited to compete in the CFR. This process shall be repeated until the requisite number of contestants has confirmed participation in an event.
- c) Top three (3) in Novice Saddle Bronc, Novice Bareback official CPRA Standings and the top six (6) in the Steer Riding official CPRA Standings.

All qualifiers for CFR as described in 1 a) and b) must have competed at fifteen (15) CPRA rodeos. Special Events do not count. Ladies Barrel Racers must have competed in eighteen (18) CPRA Rodeos.

2. The CFR qualifiers shall carry their season's earnings into the Finals. The Canadian Champion in each event plus the All Around and High Point shall be the contestant earning the most money throughout the regular season, Wrangler Canadian Professional Rodeo Tour and the Canadian Finals Rodeo combined.

In each of the Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Ladies Barrel Racing and Team Roping events, there shall be six complete go-rounds. Five (5) places shall be paid in each go round. There will also be an aggregate (average) in the Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Ladies Barrel Racing and Team Roping. Five (5) places shall be paid in the Average.

Section IV, Rule F 1 (c),

"At rodeos with an average (aggregate), including Canadian Finals Rodeo, contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him in an event to place in the average."

Novice Saddle Bronc, Novice Bareback and Steer Riding will be held the first five performances only.

In the Novice Bareback and Novice Saddle Bronc, two (2) places will be paid per go-around; in the Steer Riding, three (3) places will be paid per go-round and only the aggregate will pay four (4) places in the Steer Riding.

3. Eligibility

Persons who are members of the Association in good standing, and who qualify under one of the criteria set forth below, shall be eligible to compete for the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association Canadian Championships:

1. (a) Resident Canadian citizen; or

(b) Landed Canadian Immigrant who has provided the association with sufficient evidence of such and whose status has been approved by the CPRA Board of Directors or General Manager.

(c) Non-Canadian residents will be included in CPRA Standings. A maximum of five (5) Non-Canadian residents per event will be eligible for the Canadian Finals Rodeo and eligible to win a Canadian Championship if they have qualified the year finishing in the top twelve (12) of the official CPRA standings.

2. Where, for the purposes of these rules a question arises as to the residency or citizenship status of a member, the Association shall determine the question and the Association's decision shall be final and binding.

(a) Factors which may be considered:

- i. birth certificate/place of birth
- ii. Passport held
- iii. Statutory declaration confirming citizenship/residency
- iv. Place(s) of employment
- v. Jurisdiction where tax returns filed

3. A member may request a "Medical Exemption" for the CFR, the following must apply:

(a) Must have earnings enough to qualify through Standings, but due to medical reasons was unable to compete at the required number of rodeos.

- (b) Must have competed at 50% of the rodeos up to the time of injury.
 - (c) Provide the office with proper documentation
4. *There shall be no entry fee payable by contestants at the CFR but those who have qualified must enter by calling the CRES entry line on October 6 from 9:00am - 3:00pm MDT. Contestants will NOT be able to confirm online.*

Qualified contestants not confirming on these dates and times, will be contacted by the CPRA office for confirmation. A fine of \$200 will be levied but the contestant will be allowed to compete.

A contestant who qualified in two or more events for the CFR may elect to compete in only one event, but such selection must be made on the entry dates noted above.

Once the CFR has begun, no replacements will be substituted except in the Team Roping and the following will apply. A replacement contestant must compete on the first day of competition (November 11) or they will not be allowed to compete in all major events except the Team Roping.

(a) Any team entered in the Team Roping event at the CFR suffering disabling injury or illness to either partner during the time period of the CFR may be allowed to continue roping with a substitute partner chosen 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 CFR Team Roping 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 CFR Ground Rules); or
- (ii) Any contestant entered in the CFR 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. If the original partner chooses a replacement partner under option (i), the replacement partner shall be eligible to win the Canadian Championship in the Team Roping header or heeler category. If the replacement partner under option (ii), the replacement partner will not be eligible for the Canadian Team Roping Championship. Regardless of whether the replacement partner comes from category (i) or (ii), the newly formed team will be eligible for go-round money. If the original team competed in one or more go-rounds 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 CFR doctor. Once a substitute has competed, the original team cannot be reformed.

5. CFR contestants may, upon filing a proper visible injury release with the CFR secretary, draw out of a go-round or go-rounds and remain eligible to win a Championship and Average Championship. A visible injury release must last a minimum of two (2) go-rounds.
6. In the event that a contestant is awarded a re-ride or re-run, they must take it before the end of the performance in which it was awarded whenever it is physically reasonable to do so. If that contestant is awarded an additional re-ride or re-run, they must take it before the start of their event of the next performance.
7. Contestants at the CFR shall wear identifying back numbers provided at each performance of the CFR. A contestant shall receive no marking or time unless such identifying back numbers are worn.
8. For the first performance of the CFR, contestants in the Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling and Team Roping events shall compete in the reverse order of the Official CPRA Standings at the end of the 2015 regular rodeo season. That is, in each of the events, the twelfth person in the standings shall compete first and the first person in the standings shall compete last, whenever possible. Due to consecutive runs and animals being loaded in the rough stock chutes this might not be possible. The following will also apply:
 - (a) In the Riding Events for the second and subsequent go-rounds, the contestants will compete in the reverse order of the current official CPRA Standings each night. (i.e. If you are first in the standings before go-round one you will draw first and compete last if stock positioning in the chutes allows. If after go-round one, money is added to contestants standings and said contestant is in second position in the official CPRA Standings that contestant will draw second and compete second to last if stock positioning in chutes allows. This will continue through go-round 6).
 - (b) Ladies Barrel Racing will be that of the number one in the Official CPRA Standings competing 1st and the 12th finalist competing 12th in go-round one.
 - (c) In the Timed Events, contestants will rotate 3 positions for 5 perfs, contestant competes in 5th perf in same position as the first perf then reset for 6th perf according to official CPRA Standings after the 5th perf of the CFR.
 - (i) Team Roping - standings of qualified header and qualified heeler will be added together. This amount will determine teams' position.

Competes
 Season Standings **Perf 1 Perf 2 Perf 3 Perf 4 Perf 5**

All events excluding Ladies Barrel Racing

Season Standings	Perf 1	Perf 2	Perf 3	Perf 4	Perf 5
12	1	10	7	4	1
11	2	11	8	5	2
10	3	12	9	6	3
9	4	1	10	7	4
8	5	2	11	8	5
7	6	3	12	9	6
6	7	4	1	10	7
5	8	5	2	11	8
4	9	6	3	12	9
3	10	7	4	1	10
2	11	8	5	2	11
1	12	9	6	3	12

Ladies Barrel Racing

Season Standings	Perf 1	Perf 2	Perf 3	Perf 4	Perf 5
12	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>
11	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>
10	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>
9	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>
8	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>
7	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>
6	<i>6</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>
5	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>
4	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>
3	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>11</i>
2	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>
1	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>

(e) In the sixth performance, all contestants shall compete in the reverse order of their CPRA standings after five performances - contestants with the fewest dollars competing 1st to contestants with most dollars competing last.

- (f) In the timed events, if two contestants follow one another and wish to use the same horse or horses, the contestant in the lower position in the Canadian finalist standings shall compete in an earlier position in the performance, so as not to delay or slow the production of the rodeo. That is, if the contestants scheduled to compete in ninth and tenth positions in the CFR performances are using the same horses, then the person in ninth position shall move to eighth position and the person in eighth position would then take his place in ninth.

(g) Drawing Order

All manual draws will be in the order of their go-round position unless previously outlined.

This procedure will be used in the first 5 go-rounds. For go-round 6, the CPRA standings after 5 go-rounds of CFR will determine order, with number 1 contestant in the CPRA Standings after November 14th go-round drawing 1st.

9. The pickup men and bullfighters shall stay completely away from all animals during each ride, except if a contestant is in difficulty and needs assistance, and in no event shall they turn back or influence the performance of the stock in any way. Bulls may be turned back if *agreeable by both the contestant and stock contractor*.

The pickup men will be positioned at the far blue line, and will remain positioned during competition unless otherwise instructed by the chute boss.

10. A minimum of two (2) timed event cattle per pen shall be brought to the Rexall Place and preconditioned for each go round to be used in case of a rerun.
11. No steer wrestling, tie down roping or team roping horses used in CFR competition can be used to run the extra animals. Violation of this ground rule will constitute an initial \$200 fine and will be progressively doubled for each violation thereafter.
12. The Timed Event Representatives will designate the person or persons to run extra cattle in the Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping.
13. IF A CONTESTANT IS NOT READY WHEN CALLED, THEY WILL BE FINED BY THE JUDGE OR THE CHUTE BOSS \$200 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE AND WILL PROGRESSIVELY DOUBLE WITH EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.
14. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$200.
15. Rattling the gates in the timed event chutes (to get the horse to score) will constitute a \$200 fine to be progressively doubled thereafter to the person doing the rattling and/or the contestant involved. The Chute Boss or Judge will determine who is to be fined.

16. No animal shall be prodded in the bucking chutes. Prodding shall be defined as jabbing, hitting or touching the animal with any object. The stock handling superintendent shall designate who handles the prods in the load up areas.
17. The matter of re-rides shall be totally at the discretion of the judges; however, a re-ride may be awarded in the following situations:
 - a) An animal fails to break (runs off) or stops during a ride.
 - b) If the rider is fouled at the chute or in the arena, a re-ride may be given at the discretion of the judges, regardless if the rider declares himself.
 - c) In the horse riding events, if the rider makes a qualified ride up until the flank comes off, the rider will be given an option of a re-ride.
 - d) In the bull riding, if the rider makes a qualified ride until the flank comes off or the bull stops.
 - e) If an animal deliberately throws itself or falls.
 - f) If a rider makes two (2) honest attempts to get on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so.
 - g) In the saddle bronc riding, if the halter breaks, but not if it comes off, a re-ride shall be awarded.
 - h) If contestant and stock contractor cannot come to an agreement regarding cross-tying an animal or on the placement of rein; the judge will award a re-ride or the contestant has the option of getting entry fees refunded, excluding CRES and associated fees. All conflicts on handling livestock are to be taken to CPRA judges. Conflicts between livestock contractors and contestants recorded on CPRA officials' reports will constitute a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).
 - i) If a horse turns out backwards the contestant will receive a re-ride option.
18. The timed event Chute Boss will designate one (1) pusher for the tie down roping, one (1) pusher for the steer wrestling and one (1) pusher for the team roping.
19. The Stock Selection Committee will consist of the Event Rep and his appointees and their function is to:

- a) Select the stock for the CFR,
 - b) Place this stock in three even pens. These committees shall adjust the stock from one pen to another at the CFR to keep pens even and may set re-rides. This shall be done with the judges' approval for all six go-rounds.
20. The CPRA shall not deduct the usual administration from the prize money.
21. In all other respect, CPRA rules, as appropriate, shall apply at the CFR.
22. *No contestant signage will be allowed while competing at the CFR unless it has been registered with the CPRA, this includes hat stickers and any signage that does not conform to the CPRA Patch Program Rules and Regulations. Contestants will be fined \$200 for each performance that they wear a non-approved patch.*
23. *Any contestant or family member talking to the grounds superintendent or grounds personnel will result in the contestant being fined \$500 for the first offense and will double for each additional offense. Any concerns with ground conditions must go through proper CPRA personnel.*
- Timed Events will go through the Timed Event Chute Boss; Riding Events will go through the Riding Event Chute Boss Don Johansen or Livestock Superintendent Duane Kesler. Ladies Barrel Racers will go through the Barrel Racing Representative.*
- They will then determine the proper course of action to fix the problem and report all inquiries to the CPRA General Manager.*
24. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges, event representatives, grounds personnel or another member or CPRA staff at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena, or for talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress. Violation of this rule shall be reported to the Association by the judges involved or by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred. The fine for harassment shall be five hundred dollars (\$500).
25. Contestants may not talk to a judge or timer in a derogatory manor while the rodeo is going on. Such questions may be addressed to the judge or timer only at the end of the section for that performance. Any member violating this regulation will be reported to the Association by the judge of the rodeo where the violation occurs. Violators are subject to an automatic one hundred dollar (\$100) fine.
26. The mandatory CFR Contestant Registration & Orientation is scheduled at Northlands Rexall Place the afternoon of Tuesday, November 10, 2015 from 1:00 to 2:30pm. At 1:00 pm sharp all contestants are to be seated in the arena stands for the Contestant Orientation followed by group photos and opening ceremonies rehearsal.

Once completed, contestants must register, collect their clothing as well as have their individual headshot photo taken.

27. All CFR contestants are expected to attend the Rodeo Magic event held on Thursday, November 12 from 9:00 am to noon at Rexall Place. Failure to attend will result in a fine of \$250. "The CPRA will donate a portion of each fine to the Stollery Children's Hospital (\$100) and to Sport Medicine (\$100), with the balance retained by the CPRA."
28. The CFR Contestant Commitments (available October 2015) form a part of the Ground Rules. All mandatory as well as a minimum of one voluntary commitment is required of each CFR contestant. Failure to participate in any of the mandatory commitments as well as the minimum allotment of voluntary commitments will result in a \$250 fine per occurrence.
29. If there is a tie for Contestant go-round buckles, the tied contestants will both receive buckles. A designated CPRA staff member will assist in the process for tied go-round buckle winners.
30. No competing in other rodeo events during CFR. Contestants may not compete at a rodeo or rodeo event other than CFR from the first day of the CFR through, and including, the last day of CFR unless approved by CPRA and Northlands management. If a contestant does compete in a rodeo event other than the CFR during the time span indicated above he/she will immediately be disqualified from the CFR and will forfeit any prize money or bonus money and will be fined \$2,500. Prize money forfeited will be awarded to next eligible contestant(s).
31. Any CPRA member who abuses the CFR accreditation system relative to secured locations, including chute access, shall be subject to a fine of \$200. The fine will increase by \$100 for each subsequent violation. CPRA members are responsible for their helpers. All Novice/Steer riding event helpers must immediately exit chute area after the event and are not permitted in chute area during Sunday's performance.
32. In the Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling and Team Roping the spare animal will be used is if an animal is deemed injured or unfit to compete. This will be determined by the Chute Boss and the Barrier Judges of the event. If an animal escapes via a bad gate/gate popping open or other means of escape said contestant will run on the spare.