

Canadian Finals Rodeo Ground Rules

Take the time to look through the schedule of events listed in the 2025 Canadian Finals Ground Rules. Contestants should also refer to the Contestant Package provided.

Confirmation of entry

1. Contestants will confirm entry by CRES phoning contestants individually on September 8, 2025. All contestants must confirm by response by phone to CRES by 2pm on September 9.
2. If contestants are not confirmed by 2pm on September 9, 2025, there will be a \$2,000 fee to enter the CFR. Fines must be paid prior to the first performance.

Contestant Orientation

1. Timed Event contestants drop off for horses and tack will be as follows. These times are quite strict as there is no room in the parking lot. Trailers will be parked at the Expo Center.

Schedule for Contestant Stabling Move in (NOTE - Wild ponies at boneyard)

- **9:00 am - 10:30 am**
 - Breakaway Roping
 - Ladies Barrel Racing
 - **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
 - Team Roping
 - **12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**
 - Tie Down Roping
 - Steer Wrestling
 - **2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
 - Pick Up men
 - Specialty Acts
 - **3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**
 - Flags Girls – 10 stalls
2. Contestant orientation is mandatory to attend on Tuesday September 30, 2025. The event schedule will be as follows:
 - **1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**
 - Bareback,
 - Saddle Bronc
 - Bull Riding
 - Novice Events, Steer Riding
 - **1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**
 - Ladies Barrel Racing
 - Ladies Breakaway Roping
 - **2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
 - Team Roping
 - Tie Down Roping
 - Steer Wrestling
 3. Headshots and group photos will take place immediately following your contestant orientation time slot in Rogers Place.

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4. Failure to attend will result in a \$500 fine. Fines must be paid prior to the first performance. If you are unable to attend for good reason, please let the Director of Rodeo know immediately.

Night of Champions

1. Tuesday, September 30, 2025 - full details will be provided separately.
2. Doors open at 5:00pm, program starts at 6:00pm and is expected to run until 10:00pm.
3. Attendance is mandatory. This is where you will receive your jacket and back number.
4. Failure to attend will result in a \$500 fine. Fine must be paid prior to the first performance.

Autograph Sessions

1. Schedule can be found in contestant package.
2. Attendance is mandatory.
3. Failure to attend will result in a \$500 fine. Fine must be paid prior to the next performance.

Replacements & Doctors Releases

1. If a contestant qualifies for the CFR and is unable to enter due to injury, the next eligible individual in the CPRA standings in that event would replace the contestant. The original qualified contestant will receive the jacket and back number. The replacement will receive jacket, the complimentary hotel room, an additional back number, and all CFR tickets including the one complimentary and tickets available for purchase will go to the replacement.
2. If for any reason a contestant has entered CFR and is unable to compete, the next eligible contestant in the CPRA standings in that event will be accepted. The original qualified contestant will receive the jacket, back number and two of the contestant's tickets available for purchase. The hotel room, an additional back number, the complimentary ticket and three of the tickets available for purchase will go to the replacement. Changes will not be allowed after the first go round is completed, except in the Team Roping in accordance with the grounds rules. 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:
 - a. 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
 - b. Any contestant entered in the CFR but not already competing in Team Roping. If the next highest ranked individual who qualifies under option (a) is not available or is unwilling to participate, the original partner must choose a replacement from category (b). If the original partner chooses the next highest ranked header or heeler under option (a) 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 (a), 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 (b), the replacement partner will not be eligible for the Canadian Team Roping Championship. Regardless of whether the replacement partner comes from category (a) or (b), 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 aggregate 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.
3. Contestants must accept the first head of livestock to be eligible to further competition at the CFR.
4. An injured contestant may, with a proper doctor's release out of any performance. If he does use a doctor's release, he must sit 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 aggregate. If entered in two

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events, the contestant may still continue to compete in the other event, if he feels he is able to do so, subject to approval. Contestant must notify arena secretary of his intention to doctor's release, and provide her with the official doctor release, no later than 3 hours prior to the performance. Failure to abide this deadline will result in a \$250 fine.

5. A turn out from any go-round of a given event without a proper doctor's release shall result in
 - a. disqualification from that go-round of that event and any remaining go-rounds in that event
 - b. disqualification from contention for the aggregate payoff in that event, and
 - c. fine of \$500.
6. A multi-event contestant injured in one event may, at the discretion of the judges, be 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.

General

1. All contestants, by virtue of their participation in the CFR agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the CPRA Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules and these Ground Rules.
2. CFR contestant or any animal used at the CFR, may not compete at or participate in any other rodeo or jackpot (except for certain events approved by the CFR commission) from the date of the CFR contestant check-in through and including the date of the final performance of the CFR. If a contestant or animal does compete in events other than the CFR during the time span indicated above, they will immediately be disqualified from the CFR, will forfeit any prize money, bonus money, awards and will be fined \$2,500. Prize money and awards forfeited will be awarded to next eligible contestant(s) and included in their totals.
3. Contestant and personnel patches must be registered in the CPRA Patch Program. Registration to include a list of patches as well as a photo of each patch sent into the CPRA office and approved for the CFR. Full details will be sent in the CFR package.
4. Contestant will be furnished with a CFR 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 CFR 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 CFR back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the CFR back number as outlined above will result in a fine of \$500 for the first offense, and disqualification from the CFR 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.**
5. Contestants, personnel or official using foul language or unsportsmanlike conduct in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, or using any obscene gesture, will be fined a minimum of \$500, and will double progressively for each offense thereafter.
6. Contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the designated judge or chute boss. If the contestant exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure or a problem with the competition animal, 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 progressively double. If a contestant exceeds two (2) minutes, it will result in disqualification from the round.
7. Video Review is in operation at the 2025 Canadian Finals Rodeo. If you choose to use this feature, you first must throw the review flag to challenge the call made. If your call is overturned, you will be rewarded for your efforts by receiving a time or a score. If the call stands, the contestant will receive a \$500.00 fee charged to the CPRA. A list of offences you can challenge are available in this package. See Appendix A
8. Contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by an official judges that a contestant did not give an honest effort, they will be
 - a. disqualified from the go-round in which the violation occurred and any remaining go- rounds.

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- b. disqualified from contention for the aggregate payoff in the event for which they did not give an honest effort, and
- c. assessed a fine in the amount of \$500. 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 rigging' 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 a contestant has ridden the animal 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.

Timed Events: In the timed events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse across the score line (unless the judges ruled 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 complete the event and record a time.

Barrel Race: In the barrel race, a contestant who fails to ride, using proper 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 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 complete the event and record a time.

9. Each contestant in the ladies barrel racing and steer riding will be allowed one helper pass. The timed event helper pass does not grant the helper access to behind the bucking chutes or roping boxes. For the steer riding events, the helper pass only grants them access behind the bucking chutes during the event that the contestant is competing in. Any helper caught violating this will be asked to leave the area and may have pass revoked. There will be 2 helper passes granted for the bull riding event. These passes shall be given out by the Rodeo Administrator.
10. If not enough contestants qualify for the number of places to be paid in any event, the remaining places shall be divided evenly amongst those contestants who did qualify. If no one qualifies, the money will be divided evenly amongst all who competed. And in all cases this money shall be considered as ground money and will not count.
11. 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 cancelled and the money for the remaining go-rounds will be distributed evenly to the remaining events, with the payoff over the full 5 go-rounds and aggregate of the remaining events recalculated as if that money had been available initially.
12. Any CFR contestant or contestants slandering or running the CFR or the CPRA down in any manner on any social media platforms will be fined \$1,500.
13. Contestants will represent the CPRA and the CFR in a professional manner. Failure to do so will result in a \$2,500 fine.
14. Any contestant who is reported rude to Explore Edmonton (EE) or Oilers Edmonton Group (OEG) employees or staff will be fined immediately.

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15. OEG reserves the right to at any time and for any reason to remove people from Rogers Place. This could result in disqualification from the CFR.

Draws

For the first performance of the CFR, contestants in the Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and Breakaway Roping events shall compete in the reverse order of the Official CPRA Standings at the end of the 2025 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 5.
- 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. The following go-rounds will be as follows.

Ladies Barrel Racing*

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

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- c) The Timed Events will be the number one in the Official CPRA Standings competing 12th and the 12th finalist competing 1st in go-round one. The following go-round will be as follows:

Steer Wrestling, Tie-Down Roping, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping*

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

**TR positions based on combined team total money won.*

- d) Team Roping - standings of qualified header and qualified heeler will be added together. This amount will determine teams' position and then will follow the timed event order above.
1. In the fifth performance, all contestants shall compete in the reverse order of the CPRA standings after five performances - contestants with the fewest dollars competing 1st to contestants with most dollars competing last, except Ladies Barrel Racing which will be run 1st to 12th.
 2. Changes must be authorized by the Timed Event Chute Boss to split contestants in the timed events and by the Riding Event Chute Boss where it is impossible to load bucking stock in that order.
 3. In the case of a misdraw due to an ineligible competitor/animal combination (competed on animal in previous round) all remaining animals within that performance including spares and re-rides (if not designated) will be drawn from. Newly drawn animal will replace ineligible combination and previously drawn animal will go to the contestant the animal was drawn away from.

Rough Stock

General

1. If a contestant is not ready when called, either the Chute Boss (in agreement with the judges) or the judges, may fine contestant \$250 for the first offense, and will progressively double with each 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 re-ride, 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 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 the horse cinched (front & rear) with rein measured, and be in the chute, mounting the horse be when instructed by the Chute Boss and/or judges. If contestant is first to compete, this

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would be when 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 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. Four judges will be used. The four sub-totals submitted by the judges will be added together and then divided by 2. Fractions of a point resulting from this division shall be retained.

Re-rides

1. A contestant shall be given a re-ride if the animal gets out of the chute into the arena.
2. If a contestant has made two honest attempts to get out of the chute, or timed event box.
3. If a drawn animal is turned out, that animal will become a part of the re-ride pen for that performance and, if necessary to use, will be the first re-ride in the re-ride order.
4. The order of re-ride animals in a riding event will be set by the Event Reps for that event (or his designated appointee) prior to each performance. If the Event Representative is also a contestant in that event at the CFR, the order of the re-rides must be drawn. If re-rides are given, animals will be used as determined by the order set. Contestants shall notify the Chute Boss immediately of his decision. Judges shall mark and announcer shall announce markings of that contestant which allows him the option of a re-ride.
5. Re-rides will be given during the same performance for which the re-ride 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 re-ride will be taken. Re-ride must be taken before the start of the next go-round.
6. Injured contestants offered a re-ride or rerun in the final performance. If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of 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 re-ride. That re-ride 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 re-ride and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss's decision when the re-ride will be taken.
7. If re-rides are used up, any additional re-rides 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 re-rides. Re-rides needed beyond those in the original pen will be selected at the discretion of the judges and the Event Representatives. 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 re-ride 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 re-ride 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 re-ride.

Timed Events

General

1. Stock draw will be done in order of positions for go-rounds.

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2. No horses to be left unattended or tied to the fence in the moat. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine to the contestant of \$250 for the first offence and will progressively double with each subsequent offence.
3. If more than one contestant is riding the same horse, splits must be done with the rodeo secretary a minimum of 2 hours before the performance. The contestant in the lower position shall compete in an earlier position in the performance, so as not to delay or slow the production of the rodeo. Example, 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. Failure to meet the deadline will result in \$100 fine for each contestant involved.
4. The extra animals which are run after the performance cannot be run by any CFR contestants regardless of what event they qualified in. Violation of this ground rule will constitute an initial \$1,000 fine and will progressively double 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 CFR competition thereafter. Violation of this ground rule will constitute a \$2,500 fine and contestant will be disqualified (excludes Steer Wrestling hazer).
6. Timed Event Representatives will designate person or persons to run extra cattle.
7. 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 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 (sponsors) horse leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges.
8. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$250
9. Rattling the gates in the timed events chutes (to get horse to score) will constitute a \$250 fine that will progressively double thereafter to the person doing the rattling and/or the contestant involved. The chute boss will determine who is fined.
10. Contestants will enter into the arena and go directly into the box, failure to enter arena accordingly, unless otherwise approved by chute boss and/or judges will be \$100 for the first offence and will progressively double thereafter.
11. No more than one man in the box if so requested by contestant.
12. The judges and/or Chute Boss have the authority to designate a replacement for any animal fighting or sulking in the chute. 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.
13. Horse handlers and helpers for the timed events can bring horses as far as the timed event holding pen behind the roping chutes but will not be allowed in the box or past the holding pen. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine to the contestant of \$250 for the first offence, and will progressively double with each subsequent offence. This rule is to be enforced by the Timed Event Chute Boss and/or judges.
14. No later than September 15, 2025, the Event Representative must report to the Rodeo Administrator the names of those responsible for running the extras. Those running the extras will be subject to all the rules and regulations of the CPRA as well as any CFR ground rules.
15. Each timed event contestant will be assigned 2 stalls for the duration of CFR. Horses cannot arrive before September 30, 2025 at 9:00am (see schedule above under Contestant Orientation – Contestant Stabling). All livestock must be vacated no later than 10:00am the day following the last performance of the CFR. Failure to do so will result in a \$500 per head for the first day and will progressively double each day thereafter until livestock has been removed. Any livestock remaining past midnight (MST) on Sunday following the rodeo, will be removed from the bone yard or the stalling area, and any costs or liabilities incurred would be the responsibility of the owner.

Re-runs and Spares

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1. In the timed events, if you get a bad gate, stumble, barrier malfunction you must declare yourself to receive a re-run (see Appendix A - Video Review Additional Information).
2. 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 the pen. The escaped animal would then become the first extra for that pen.
3. For any instance in which a contestant is granted a re-run by the judges, the contestant must take the first available extra in the draw and must be competed on during that performance.
4. In the timed events, if an 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 his new time to the elapsed time from the original draw to find the official time for the competition.
5. 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 extra.
6. Injured contestants offered a re-run in the final performance. If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of 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 re-run. That re-run 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 re-run and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss's decision when the re-run will be taken.

Tie Down Roping

1. There will be 2 pens of usable tie-down animals (after the preparation). The Tie-Down Roping Event Representative or his designated appointee and the judges that are judging that event will designate the extra tie-down animals for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and the line judge according to the order set and the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.
2. Extra tie-down animals shall be roped from a horse and tied down after each performance.
3. Fine for unintentional dragging of tie-down animal shall be \$100 for each violation.
4. Intentional dragging of tie-down animal shall result in a \$250 fine for each violation, and contestant may be disqualified from that go-round.
5. Time limit is 25 seconds.
6. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the tie-down animals at the CFR. All CPRA rules and 2025 CFR ground rules will be in effect for any preparation and/or tying of the tie-down animals for the 2025 CFR. The timed event chute boss will oversee the following:
 - a. Each animal will be run through the chute and shown the out gate.
 - b. Each animal will be run through the chute and breakaway roped.
 - c. Each animal will have a rope put on and let out of the chute, will be tied once, not let up and then tied again if needed.
 - d. 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.
 - e. Animals are then returned to their pens.

Steer Wrestling

1. There will be 2 pens of usable steers (after the preparation). The Steer Wrestling Event Representative or his designated appointee and the judges that are judging that event will designate the extra steers for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and the line judge according to the order set and the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.

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2. Extra steers will be run from a horse and thrown down after each performance.
3. 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 progressively double thereafter. This will specifically include unnecessary twisting of steers neck after the fall has been completed.
4. Time limit is 60 seconds, with only one (1) jump within the time limit.
5. All hazers must have been an active 2025 CPRA member in good standing to be eligible to haze.
 - a. Hazer must be designated through CRES no later than September 23, 2025
 - b. Failure to designate an active, eligible CPRA member will result in a \$500 fine per occurrence.
6. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the steer wrestling animals at the CFR. All CPRA rules and 2025 CFR ground rules will be in effect for any preparation and/or running of the steer wrestling animals for the 2025 CFR. The timed event Chute Boss will oversee the following:
 - a. Each animal will be run through the chute and shown the out gate.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Animals are then returned to their pens.

Team Roping

1. There will be 2 pens of usable steers (after the preparation). The Team Roping Event Representative or his designated appointee and the judges that are judging that event will designate the extra steers for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and the line judge according to the order set and the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.
2. The heel loop can not come in contact with the steer until there is forward motion and the direction has changed. 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 added to the time.
3. Headers who drop their rope after completing competition will be fined \$100 for the first offense, and will progressively double with each additional offense.
4. If a contestant is fouled by the barrier or neck rope while in the act of throwing/attempting to throw his rope, the contestant must declare himself after the act/attempt has been completed and not continue on with the run and a rerun will be awarded. If the contestant continues on with the run by the decision of the judges a rerun will not be awarded.
5. If an animal stumbles or stops before completely clearing the score line and the contestant declares themselves a rerun may be awarded, and that animal may be pulled from the draw at the discretion of the Team Roping Event Representative and the judges. The contestant must declare themselves before continuing on with the run. If they are in the act or attempting to throw, they must declare after the act has been completed. The first spare will be used for the rerun and may then go into the draw for another spare.
6. If an animal is deemed to not fit the pen or not be an equal/fair chance to compete, that animal can be pulled from the pen prior to the next go round by the Event Representative after consulting with the event contestants and the judges. One of the spares will go into the draw at the discretion of the Event Representative.
7. The time limit is 30 seconds, with a two (2) loop maximum per team.
8. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the team roping animals at the CFR. All CPRA rules and 2025 CFR ground rules will be in effect for any preparation and/or running of the team roping animals for the 2025 CFR. The timed event chute boss will oversee the following:
 - a. Each animal will be run through the chute and shown the out gate.
 - b. 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.
 - c. are then returned to their pens.

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Breakaway Roping

1. There will be 1 pen of usable breakaway animals (after the preparation). The Breakaway Roping designated appointee and the judges that are judging that event will designate the extra breakaway roping animals for the pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and the line judge according to the order set and the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.
2. Extra breakaway animals shall be run down the arena after each performance.
3. Breakaway roping will be run with an open gate.
4. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the breakaway animals at the CFR. All CPRA rules and 2025 CFR ground rules will be in effect for any preparation of the breakaway animals for the 2025 CFR. The timed event Chute Boss will oversee the following:
 - a. If needed, each animal will be run through the chute and shown the out gate.
 - b. Following the above procedure, any changes to the pen will be done at this time.
 - b. Animals are then returned to their pens.

Barrel Race

1. Barrel racing contestants are allowed one helper in alley prior to run. Helper cannot go beyond a designated line during the barrel race. Helper must be in compliance with CPRA dress code. Contestant will be fined up to \$250 for first offense, and the fine will progressively double thereafter.
2. If a contestant is not "ready when called", Chute Boss and/or judge may fine contestant \$250 for the first offense and the will progressively double with each subsequent offense.
3. 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.
4. Any barrel race contestant setting up and working barrels in the arena other than during the designated time will be fined \$250 for the first offense, and the fine will progressively double thereafter.
5. No practice barrels set on barrel markers. No air barrels around CFR pattern markers. Barrels must be 15 feet off pattern markers.

Stock Contractors

1. Stock contractors are to come to Northlands park (boneyard).
2. Stock contractors are able to park their trucks by the outdoor pens.

Stock Contractors & Livestock

1. Riding event livestock must be delivered starting 9:00 am September 29th, 2025 and must be checked in no later than 6:00pm September 29, 2025 with a CFR stock tag, readable permanent ownership and number brand.
2. No lame or unfit 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 official CFR veterinarian and the CFR Livestock Superintendent.
3. All livestock will be inspected September 30th, 2025 at 10:00am by Stock Contractor Representatives, CFR Livestock Superintendent and CFR Judge. If ownership and 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 CPRA rulebook. Failure to abide by these regulations will result in a \$250 fine per head.
 - a. Stock contractors may attend the inspection of livestock but must stay in designated area and not interfere with Stock Contractor Representatives, CFR Livestock Superintendent and CFR Judge.
4. The fine for each of the following offences will be \$2,500.
 - a. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more riding event animal after the time designated by the CFR.

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- b. A stock contractor not delivering the selected animal. Stock contractor will not be paid for said animal.
 - c. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more units/pens of stock after the time designated in the CFR cattle contract.
5. No animals that arrive 12 hours following the designated time will be accepted or paid for.
 6. Animals that have not been requested by the CFR will not be accepted on site.
 7. Any bucking horse or bull selected for the CFR that is injured, prior to or during loading to be transported to the CFR, that would need to be replaced, the stock contractor would be required to immediately notify CRES. Once notified of the injured animal, CRES management will contact the owner of the replacement animal based on the list. If the stock contractor has already left, CRES will follow the list until one is found. If unable then CRES management would make the best effort to reach the Event Representatives for input on the final selection. If unable then CRES management would make a final decision. Stock contractors not notifying as stated will be fined the amount equal to payment on one head of livestock.
 8. All livestock must be vacated no later than 12:00 noon the day following the last performance of the CFR. Failure to do so will result in a \$2,500 fine. Any livestock remaining past midnight (MST) on Monday following the rodeo, will be removed from Northlands park (boneyard) and any costs or liabilities incurred would be the responsibility of the owner and/or stock contracting firm.
 9. Any animal that appears to be unsound or injured when being unloaded or during inspection will be re-examined by the Livestock Superintendent and CFR veterinarian. At this time, it would be the decision of the Livestock Superintendent and/or an Official Judge to accept or reject the animal(s) in question. If the animal(s) in question are declared unsound and the unsoundness or injury was prior to being loaded to be transported to the CFR the animal will not be paid for.
 10. Any stock contractor requesting anti-inflammatory medication will be required to have that medication ordered by the Livestock Superintendent and administered by the official veterinarian and paid for by the stock contractor.

Miscellaneous

1. Each pen of animals will be inspected for every event prior to each performance at which time they will determine the health of all animals. If any animals (rough stock or timed event) need to be removed, they will consult with the Livestock Superintendent and/or an Official Judge.
2. The only ones having access to the cattle pens will be the Livestock Superintendent, judges and crew. Anyone accessing the pens without approval from the Livestock Superintendent will be fined \$1,000 with possible disqualification from the event.
3. Unruly or unmanageable animals, including contestants' horses, that endanger CFR personnel, contestants, or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the CFR, may be disqualified by the judges from further use.
4. Only official CFR 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 animal once it has been transported from the arena floor and blood has been drawn on the injured animal by the official CFR veterinarian.
5. There will be one hot shot allowed on the back of the chutes. There will be a designated "head man" at the CFR for the roughstock horses and bulls who will have the hotshot. Hotshots may be used in the load up alleys when absolutely needed.

Contract Personnel

Pick up men

1. Pickup men will be allowed to engage horses at all times during the bareback and saddle bronc riding at the Canadian Finals for the betterment of the events. Engagement will be at pickup men, contractors and contestants' discretion.

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Bullfighters

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 will result in a fine of \$250 for the first offence and progressively double with each subsequent offence.
2. The bullfighters will not be in the arena any time except during the bull riding and junior steer riding unless requested. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine of \$250 for the first offence and progressively double with each subsequent offence.

Appendix A – Video Review Additional Information

A contestant, rodeo personnel, stock contractor etc. cannot throw the flag to challenge against another contestant. The flag must be thrown by the contestant before the said contestant leaves the arena in a timely manner.

Bareback - Mark out rule, slaps, double grab, horse falls, fouled at chute, nod of the head and 8 second rule.

Saddle Bronc - Mark out rule, slaps, double grab, blown stirrup, horse falls, fouled at chute, nod of the head and 8 second rule.

Tie Down roping - Barrier infractions/failures (not applicable to hand pulled barriers), neck rope fouls, animal stumbles turn or stops before score line, legal tie, bad gate.

Steer Wrestling - Barrier infractions/failures (not applicable to hand pulled barriers), neck rope fouls, animal stumbles turn or stops before score line, bad gate.

Breakaway Roping - Barrier infractions/failures (not applicable to hand pulled barriers), neck rope fouls, animal stumbles turn or stops before score line, bad gate, legal head catches.

Team Roping - Barrier infractions/failures (not applicable to hand pulled barriers), neck rope fouls, animal stumbles turn or stops before score line, legal head catches, crossfire, bad gate, 1 or 2 feet in heel loop.

Barrel Racing - To see if contestant has crossed the line before barrel has tipped over.

Bull riding - Slaps, animal foul, bull falls, leaving chute with knots, nod of the head, 8 second rule.

In the timed events, if you get a bad gate, stumble, barrier malfunction you must declare yourself to receive a re-run.