

# 2023 INTERNATIONAL FINALS RODEO

## GROUND RULES

### I. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- A. Top 15 Contestants must confirm entry by calling the IPRA Office from 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. (Central Time) Monday, December 5, 2022, or 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (Central Time) Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Callbacks will be from 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. (Central Time) Tuesday, December 6, 2022.
- B. Top 15 Contestants not confirmed by 12:00 P.M. (Central Time) December 6, 2022, will be replaced. 2023 memberships and convention registration must be paid by 11:00 A.M. January 12, 2023 to be eligible to participate at the IFR.
- C. Team roping headers and heelers must designate their partners for the IFR in accordance with the "Procedures for Pairing Team Roping Headers and Heelers for the 2023 International Finals Rodeo", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

### II. GENERAL

- A. All participants, by virtue of their participation in the IFR agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the IPRA Rules and Official Rodeo Rules and these Ground Rules.
- B. Enforcement and interpretation of the IPRA Rules and Official Rodeo Rules and these Ground Rules during the IFR shall be handled by a subcommittee of the International Finals Rodeo Committee. This subcommittee shall be comprised of the IPRA General Manager, the IPRA Chairman of the Board, the IPRA Timed Event and Riding Event Representatives serving on the IFRC, and the IPRA Stock Contractor, Rodeo Committee and Contract Personnel Representatives serving on the IFRC.
- C. No IFR participant or personnel may wear or display in the competition arena (including the areas behind the chutes and the moat) or at any IPRA Related function (including but not limited to Welcome Reception, IPRA autograph sessions or IPRA requested media interviews) of the IFR any patch or Signage (as defined in the "Rules and Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena") which is in conflict with IPRA. All other provisions of the "Rules and Regulations Governing Advertising in an Arena," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, shall also be in effect at the IFR.
- D. The rules set forth in the "Addendum to Ground Rules 2023 International Finals Rodeo," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D, are hereby incorporated into these Ground Rules. All IFR participants are subject to and agree to abide and be bound by the rules set forth in this Addendum.
- E. Back Numbers. Each contestant will be furnished with an IFR back number, which must always be worn and displayed in its entirety 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 IFR 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 IFR back number in the same location on the vest or jacket. Failure to wear the IFR back number in its entirety as

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outlined above will result in a fine of \$150 for the first offense, and disqualification from the IFR for the second offense. A contestant may be fined without warning and may be subject to immediate disqualification if the offense takes place during the last performance.

- F. Any IFR participant or official using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, or using any obscene gesture, will be assessed a minimum initial fine of \$250, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.
- G. The only people having access to the cattle pens will be the Livestock Superintendent and crew. Anyone accessing the pens without approval from the Livestock Superintendent will be fined \$500 with possible disqualification from the event.
- H. All contract personnel not on time for rehearsals, meetings and other scheduled appointments will be fined \$100 for the first offense. That fine progressively doubles thereafter.
- I. All Contestants, Hazers, Personnel, Officials and Stock Contractors participating in the IFR must purchase renewal membership prior to the International Finals Rodeo.
- J. All Contestants, Personnel, and Stock Contractors participating in the IFR must register for the convention. The registration fee for each rodeo company is \$75 and the registration fee for all contestants and personnel is \$35.
- K. The Order of Events for IFR52: Bareback, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Tie-Down Roping, Cowgirls Breakaway Roping, Cowgirls Barrel Racing, Bull Riding.

III. SUBSTITUTIONS AND DRAWING OUT

- A. If for any reason a contestant is unable to compete, the next contestant in the IPRA World Standings that confirmed entry in that event will be accepted. Changes will not be allowed after the first go-round is completed, except in the team roping in accordance with ground rule #III.D.
- B. If a contestant qualifies for the IFR and becomes injured prior to the start of the rodeo, the IFR official doctor would decide if the contestant can compete. If the contestant is unable to compete the next highest place individual in the World Standings in that event that confirmed entry would replace the injured contestant. The qualified contestant will receive the back number. The jacket, an additional back number, the complimentary ticket, and the tickets available for purchase will go to the replacement.
- C. If a contestant qualifies for the IFR, confirms entry, and does not compete in the IFR in the year of his/her qualification, the IPRA may determine further offenses which would subject the member to additional fines, ineligibility, suspension, suspension of IPRA privileges and/or expulsion unless otherwise stated.
- D. Any team entered in the team roping event at the IFR suffering disabling injury or illness to either partner during the time period of the IFR may be allowed to continue roping with a substitute partner.

Up to the 1<sup>st</sup> go-round, the substitute partner must be the next highest ranked (header/heeler) in the 2022 Team Roping World Standings that confirmed entry. If the IFR contestant was a header, the next ranked header in the 2022 Team Roping-Header World Standings will fill the position. Likewise, if the IFR contestant was a heeler, the

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next ranked heeler in the 2022 Team Roping-Heeler World Standings will fill the position. If the substitute partner is willing to participate but is unable to arrive in time for the first scheduled performance, the original partner may turn out of the first scheduled performance without having to turn out of the second consecutive performance as required in Section IV.B. of these Ground Rules.

After the 1<sup>st</sup> go-round, the substitute partner must be from among the following options: (i) the non-injured/non-ill partner (the "original partner") may choose to add the next highest ranked contestant, who is not already participating in the IFR team roping and who has not declined to participate in the IFR team roping due to injury or illness, who is in the same category of competitors as the injured or ill partner (i.e., header or heeler), who is Financially Eligible and Competition Eligible (as defined in the IPRA Rules); or (ii) any contestant entered in the IFR but not already competing in team roping. If the next highest ranked individual who qualifies under option (i) is not available or is unwilling to participate, the original partner must choose a replacement from category (ii). If the original partner chooses the next highest ranked header or heeler under option (i) above, and that substitute partner is willing to participate but is unable to arrive in time for the next scheduled performance, the original partner may turn out of the next scheduled performance without having to turn out of the second consecutive performance as required in Section IV.B. of these Ground Rules. If the original partner chooses a replacement partner under option (i), the replacement partner shall be eligible to win the World Championship in the team roping header or heeler category but shall not be eligible for All-Around points. If the replacement partner chooses a replacement partner under option (ii), the replacement partner will not be eligible for the team roping World Championship, nor will the replacement partner's points earned in the team roping apply to the All-Around Standings. Regardless of whether the replacement partner comes from category (i) or (ii), the newly formed team will be eligible for go-round money but will only be eligible for the average pay-off if this newly formed team competes in all 4 go-rounds. *If the original team competed in one or more go-round prior to the replacement taking place, the original team will remain in contention for the average on the number of head they roped together, provided that the disabling injury or illness of the partner no longer roping is verified by the Official IFR doctor.* The original member of the newly formed team will be eligible for the team roping World Championship, and points won will apply to the All-Around Standings for the original partner if he/she meets the criteria outlined in applicable sections of the IPRA Rulebook. Once a substitute has competed, the original team cannot be reformed.

**E.** In case of an injury to the selected barrelman, the alternate barrelman will be selected by the IFRC. The alternate receives the remaining compensation of the barrelman that was replaced.

In the instance that a pickup man needs to be replaced, the substitute pickup man will be a designated by the IFRC. If the replacement uses the original pickup man's horses, the original pickup man retains 75% of compensation from the point of replacement and the replacement pickup man will receive 25% of the compensation from the point of replacement. If the replacement pickup man uses other horses, the owner of the horses will receive 50% of the compensation from the point of replacement, the replacement pickup man will receive 25% of the compensation from the point of replacement, and the original pickup man will receive 25% of the compensation from the point of replacement.

## IV. TURN OUTS

- A.** Contestant must accept first head of livestock to be eligible for further competition at the IFR.
- B.** An injured contestant may, with a proper doctor's release from a medical doctor on the official IFR medical staff, turn out. The injured contestant must pass an evaluation by official IFR medical staff to be allowed to continue to compete in remaining rounds; the IFR medical staff reserves the right to refuse further participation based on contestant's physical and/or mental well being. If he/she does turn out, he/she must turn out at least two consecutive go-rounds in an event before resuming competition on the rest of his/her stock. A turn out in this instance will not eliminate the contestant from contention for the average. If entered in two events, the contestant may continue to compete in the other event, if he/she feels he/she is able to do so, subject to IFRC approval. Contestant must notify arena secretary of his intention to turn out and provide her with the official doctor release from the IFR medical staff, no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance. If injury occurs after the deadline for medical release turnout, the case will be evaluated by IFRC to determine if fineable offense. Failure to abide by this deadline will result in a \$250 fine.

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- C. A turn out from any go-round of a given event without a proper doctor's release from a medical doctor on the official IFR medical staff shall result in (i) disqualification from that go-round of that event and any remaining go-rounds in that event, (ii) disqualification from contention for the average payoff in that event, and (iii) a fine of \$500.
- D. All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by a unanimous vote of all Judges assigned to officiate that event that a contestant did not give an honest effort, he/she will be (i) disqualified from the go-round in which the violation occurred and any remaining go-rounds, (ii) disqualified from contention for the average payoff in the event for which he/she did not give an honest effort, and (iii) 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 riggin' *and seated on the horse* until the inside shoulder of the horse crosses the plane of the chute gate; the saddle bronc riding contestant must have feet in the stirrups, seat in the saddle and rein in his hand when the inside shoulder of the horse crosses the plane of the chute gate; and the bull riding contestant must have his hand in bull rope *with wrap taken and seated on the bull* when the inside shoulder of the bull crosses the plane of the chute gate. Once the contestant has ridden the horse/bull out of the chute, it is the sole responsibility of the Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete his ride.

Tie-down roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Breakaway Roping: In the timed events, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse across the score line (unless the Judges rule he/she was fouled leaving the box) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Once the contestant has ridden his horse across the score line, it is the sole responsibility of the Judges to determine whether a contestant gives an honest effort. In making this determination, Judges should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time.

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

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

### V. CONTESTING POSITIONS

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

1<sup>st</sup> go-round - Reverse of season standings

2<sup>nd</sup> go-round - Start with man in 10<sup>th</sup> position through 1<sup>st</sup>; pick up 15<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> go-round - Start with man in 5<sup>th</sup> position through 1<sup>st</sup>; pick up 15<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> go-round - Reverse of IPRA World Standings following 3<sup>rd</sup> go-round (World Standings coming into the IFR + IFR earnings)

### ***B. Team Roping:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> go-round - Put all 15 teams in order according to total money won by the header as of rodeo year-end. The header in the 1<sup>st</sup> position and his partner will compete last in the first go-round; the header in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place and his partner will compete in the 14<sup>th</sup> position in the 1<sup>st</sup> go-round. Repeat this process until all 15 teams are placed in a competition position.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> go-round - Start with team in 10<sup>th</sup> position through 1<sup>st</sup>; pick up 15<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> go-round - Start with team in 5<sup>th</sup> position through 1<sup>st</sup>; pick up 15<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> go-round - Put all 15 teams in order (1-15) according to total money won (World Standings coming into the IFR + IFR earnings) at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> go-round. The header in the 1<sup>st</sup> position and his partner will compete last in the 4<sup>th</sup> go-round; the header in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place and his partner will compete in the 14<sup>th</sup> competition position in the 4<sup>th</sup> go-round. Repeat this process until all 15 teams are placed in a competition position.

### ***C. Riding Events:***

1. 1<sup>st</sup> go-round: Reverse of season standings.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> go-rounds: Reverse of IPRA World Standings to date.

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

1. 1<sup>st</sup> go-round - Run in order of season standings - 1 through 15
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> go-round - Start with woman in 6<sup>th</sup> position through 15<sup>th</sup>; pick up 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> go-round - Start with woman in 11<sup>th</sup> position through 15<sup>th</sup>; pick up 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>
4. 4<sup>th</sup> go-round - Reverse of IPRA World Standings following 3<sup>rd</sup> go-round (World Standings coming into the IFR + IFR earnings)

- E. Changes must be authorized by the official designated by the IFRC to split horses in the timed events and by the Riding Event Chute Boss where it is impossible to load bucking stock in that order.

## **VI. PAYOFF**

- A. For the full go-rounds and the average, should there be fewer qualified rides or times than the number of places to be paid, the payoff, eligibility for Championship Points, etc. shall be handled according to the IPRA Rules for the go-rounds and the average.
- B. If there are no qualified scores or times in a single go-round the money will be added to the average

in that event.

### **C. Total Prize Money: \$300,000**

1. Payoff for each of the 4 full go-rounds: \$5,555.56
 

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2,222.22	(per man in TR)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,666.67	(per man in TR)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$1,111.11	(per man in TR)
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$555.56	(per man in TR)
  
2. Payoff for the average: \$11,111.11
 

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$4,444.44	(per man in TR)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$3,333.33	(per man in TR)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$2,222.22	(per man in TR)
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,111.11	(per man in TR)

## VII. RIDING EVENTS

### A. GENERAL

1. If a contestant is not ready when called, either the Chute Boss (in agreement with the Judges) or the Judge(s), may fine contestant \$100 for first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense, and/or may be disqualified by the judges. If an individual is taking advantage of the contestants in that event and/or the livestock and/or the rodeo production and/or not cooperating with the chute boss' and judges' instructions resulting in an attempt to cheat or influence the results of the event, to include but not limited to causing an animal to act up or be unruly in the chute in order to receive a reride, that individual will be disqualified by the judges from that round and for subsequent offenses will be disqualified by the judges from that event for the remainder of the rodeo.

For contestants, the definition of "ready when called" shall be:

**Bareback Riding:** Contestant must be over horse with hand in rigging when previous horse leaves the arena. If contestant is first to compete this would be when the flag horses leave the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges. If a contestant has a fair opportunity to compete and does not call for his competition animal, delaying the production of the rodeo, the same ruling will apply.

**Saddle Bronc Riding:** Contestant must have horse cinched (front & rear) with rein measured, and be in the chute, mounting the horse when the previous horse leaves the arena. If contestant is first to compete this would be when 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. ***Scoring: Four judges will be used. The four sub-totals submitted by the four judges will be added together and then divided by 2. Fractions of a point resulting from this division shall be retained. (For example, if the four subtotals are 41,40,40,40, the sum of those subtotals is 161. 161 divided by two is 80.5. A score of 80.5 will be recorded for that***

**B. DRAWING STOCK**

1. In Riding Events, pens for all go-rounds may be set. Once competed on and/or in the designated rerides, no horse in the bareback riding or saddle bronc riding may be competed on again until at least 24 hours have elapsed from the performance time on which the animal was competed on or designated as a ride, unless Event Representative has written approval from the stock contractor of record and submitted to the rodeo secretary prior to the draw. Once competed on, no bull in the bull riding may be competed on and/or in the designated rerides again until at least 24 hours have elapsed from the performance time on which the animal was competed on or designated as a ride, unless Event Representative has written approval from the stock contractor of record and submitted to the rodeo secretary prior to the draw. It shall be the responsibility of the respective Event Representative to acquire approval from the stock contractor to use livestock prior to the designated time allowance. For purposes of this rule, if an animal is held over to a subsequent performance in accordance with these ground rules, that animal will be considered to have been competed on during the original performance for which it was drawn.
2. Riding event pens are to be set by the Riding Event Representatives and approved by the IFR stock selection committee at time of meeting. Any changes to the pens must be approved by the Riding Event Representative.
3. All riding event livestock selected for the IFR must be drawn into competition at least once at that IFR, except for those animals which may be injured or sick, provided livestock selection procedure remains the same as is currently being used.
4. Event representatives must have at least a minimum of 5 head of the 15 head to be bucked of one delivery or the other, per each performance. (Excluding re-rides)
5. Riding Event stock for the first two go-rounds will be drawn at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 11, 2023.
6. Remaining go-rounds will be drawn following the completion of Round 2.
7. No more than 1 head of stock (per event) from each rodeo company will be drawn up in the re-rides at any one performance.
8. All animals drawn as re-ride animals for first and second performances will be given by into pens set to guarantee those animals to be drawn.
9. If a re-ride is given by the judge in a rough stock event for flank coming off, stock contractor will have the option to bring stock back immediately or after the rodeo except for the final performance, then all re-rides must be during that performance.
10. Draw Order:
  - a. First go-round: Reverse of Season Standings.
  - b. Second through fourth go-rounds: Reverse of IPRA World standings to date.

**C. RERIDES**

1. A contestant shall be given a reride if the animal gets out of the chute into the arena prior to calling for the animal.
2. If a contestant has made two honest attempts, the judges shall designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute. The replacement will be the next available reride animal and the contestant must compete on said replacement.
3. If a drawn animal is a notified turned out, that animal will become a part of the reride pen for that performance and, if necessary to use, will be the first reride in the reride order.
4. The reride animals in a riding event will be set by the Event Representative for that event (or his designated appointee) at the time of the draw. The order of reride animals will be drawn. If rerides are given, animals will be used as determined by the order set. Contestants shall notify Chute Boss immediately of his decision. Judges shall mark and announcer shall announce markings of that contestant which allows him the option of a reride.
5. Rerides will be given during the same performance for which the reride is granted except in the case of injuries to contestant as ruled on by the judges. It will be the Chute Boss's decision when the reride will be taken. Reride must be taken before the start of the next go-round.
6. Injured Contestant Offered a Reride or Rerun in the Final Performance: If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of the official IFR Medical Staff, the doctor will determine if the contestant can compete. If the contestant is ruled capable of competing, he/she must inform the judges of his/her decision to accept a reride or extra. That reride or extra must be taken before the end of the performance. If the injury occurs to the final contestant in the event, and the doctor rules he/she is capable of competing, the contestant must inform the judges of his decision regarding the acceptance of a reride or the extra and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss's decision when the reride or rerun will be taken.
7. If all designated rerides in a go-round are used in competition in that go-round, any additional rerides needed shall be drawn from the sleepers remaining in the original pen which had not been drawn either for a contestant or as one of the three rerides. Rerides needed beyond those in the original pen will be selected at the discretion of the judges and the Event Representative, unless the Event Representative is also a contestant at that IFR, in which case the selection will be made by the judges and the Event Representative's designated appointee who is not competing in that event of that IFR. Under these conditions, when the animal will be ridden will be at the discretion of the Chute Boss.
8. Unless the flank comes off or there is some other equipment failure, any animal on which a reride had to be given for an inferior performance will be taken out of the draw for the rest of the rodeo.
9. With the exception of the last performance, should an animal drawn for a contestant not be available at the time of the performance, the contestant has the option of accepting a reride during that performance or electing to compete at such time as the originally drawn animal can be made available, provided that if the contestant opts to compete on the originally drawn animal, that animal must be competed on prior to that contestant's next go-round competition.

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If an animal drawn for a contestant the last performance is not available, the contestant must accept the reride.

### ***D. PICKUP MEN***

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

### ***E. BULLFIGHTERS AND BARRELMAN***

1. Bullfighters must stay away from the bulls until the rider is bucked off or the whistle blows. Bullfighter may not make any attempt to turn back a bull or take a bull out of a spin. If in the opinion of the judges any bullfighter makes any attempt to turn back a bull or take him out of a spin, he/she will be fined \$100 progressively doubling.
2. The Barrelman will not interfere with the judges in any way. Chute Boss will designate position of barrel. If in the opinion of the judges the barrelman interferes with the competition, he/she will be fined \$100 progressively doubling.
3. The bullfighters and barrelman will not be in the arena any time except during the bull riding unless requested by the Production Manager.

## VIII. TIMED EVENTS

### **A. GENERAL**

1. Each tie-down roper, team roper, breakaway roper, and barrel racer will be allowed one non-transferrable stall, which must be confirmed at time of entry through the IPRA Office, at the official saddle horse area at the Lazy E Arena, provided the horse is used in the rodeo and housed onsite. Each steer wrestler will be allowed two non-transferrable stalls which must be confirmed at time of entry through the IPRA Office, at the official saddle horse area at the Lazy E Arena providing each horse is used in the rodeo and housed onsite. Stalls not being confirmed at entry will be forfeited by the contestant for their use. Any horse found not being used for competition at the Lazy E Arena or not belonging to the contestant assigned to the stall, will result in a \$100 fine assessed to the person assigned the stall. This fine will progressively double for every 24-hour period, the animal remains in the stall. Extra stalls will be issued on availability and no contestant will be issued more than one extra stall until all initial requests are filled. Contestants requesting an extra stall will need to purchase upon arrival through Lazy E Arena Staff. Contestant horses will only be received based on the following schedule – Monday, January 9, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (CT), Tuesday, January 10 from 6 am. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, January 11 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lazy E Arena Stall Office. Contestant horses must be vacated no later than 12:00 noon, Monday January 16, 2023. Anyone housing horse(s) at the Saddle Horse Area that do not remove their horses on time will be fined \$250 per head for the first day and progressively doubling each day thereafter until horse(s) has been picked up by the owner. Any horse(s) remaining past midnight (CT) on Tuesday following the rodeo, will be removed from the Lazy E Arena and any cost or liabilities incurred would be the responsibility of the owner. In addition, all contestants' horses must have current health certificates and negative coggins test following the laws set by the State of Oklahoma. Visit [www.ag.ok.gov/ais/oair.pdf](http://www.ag.ok.gov/ais/oair.pdf) to

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find current Oklahoma State Laws. All above documents must be presented to the Lazy E Arena Stall Office at time of check-in.

2. Stock draw will be in the order of position for go-round. (Refer to Section IV). If more than one contestant is riding the same horse, splits must be made a minimum of 3 hours prior to the performance except for in the case of an emergency. This must be done through the IFR Secretary.
3. The extra animals which are run after the performance cannot be run by contestants in that event, except for the Team Roping, and each run will be a competition run exactly like any other run in the performance. Violation of this ground rule will constitute an initial \$100 fine and will be progressively doubled for each violation thereafter. Only horses used to run the extras will be allowed in the arena after the performance.
4. Once a horse is used to run the extra animals for the timed events, that horse cannot be used for IFR competition thereafter unless approved by Event Representative. Violation of this ground rule will constitute a \$150 fine and will be progressively doubled for each violation thereafter.
5. Timed Event Representatives will designate person or persons to run extra cattle.
6. If in the opinion of the Chute Boss and/or the Judges if a contestant is not "ready when called" the contestant will be subject to a penalty. By definition, "ready when called" shall mean that the contestant must be riding into the box when the previous animal leaves the arena. This should be if the first contestant in team roping, breakaway roping, and tie-down roping they shall be riding into the box and steer wrestling riding into the arena when instructed by the chute boss and/or judges.

Contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the designated judge. If the contestant exceeds the time limit, except in case of mechanical failure or a problem with the competition animal in the timed event chute in the opinion of the Judges, he/she will receive a penalty of \$100. For every 20 seconds over the 45-second limit the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant exceeds two (2) minutes in the box it will result in disqualification from the round.
7. Any contestant who circles in the arena at any time will be fined \$100.
8. Rattling the gates in the Timed Events chutes (to get horse to score), will constitute a \$150 fine to be progressively doubled thereafter to the person doing the rattling and/or the contestant involved. The Chute Boss will determine who is to be fined.
9. Timed Event contestants will use the tunnel to access timed event end of the arena. Tie-Down Ropers, breakaway ropers, and Team Ropers will enter through the back of the box(es) with the barrier already up. Heelers cannot go past the plane of the barrier until the header calls for the steer. Steer Wrestlers will enter through the south center entrance gate to the arena and go directly to the box. Fine for failure to enter arena accordingly, unless otherwise approved by the IFRC, will be \$100 for first offense and progressively doubled thereafter.
10. Steer Wrestlers, Breakaway Ropers, and Team Ropers will exit the arena through the riding event center gate immediately after competing, unless horse or team is to be used by a later contestant. In that case, steer wrestling contestant (and/or hazer) must exit to the holding area by way of the timed event exit gate which is on the steer wrestler's side of the timed event

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- chutes, where the next steer wrestling contestant to use the horse will mount the horse in preparation for competition. Team ropers on a horse which will be used by a later contestant will exit through the timed event exit gate, where the next team roping contestant to use the horse will prepare for competition. Tie-Down Ropers will exit the arena through the timed event exit gate and return to the holding area. Failure to abide by this Ground Rule will subject contestant to a \$100 fine for the first offense and progressively doubled thereafter.
11. No more than one man in the box if so requested by contestant.
  12. Only one horse in the box.
  13. A contestant must have hat on head while in box, with no assistance in keeping on or taking off said hat by another person.
  14. The judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.
  15. If a timed event animal escapes prior to being called for or is replaced for any reason or a re-run is given for any other reason, the first available extra will be used and remain in that pen. The escaped animal would then become the first extra for that pen.
  16. For any instance in which a contestant is granted a rerun by the Judges, the contestant must take the first available extra in the draw and must be competed on during that performance.
  17. Injured Contestant Offered a Reride or Rerun in the Final Performance: If a contestant is injured and requires the attention of the official IFR Medical Staff, the doctor will determine if the contestant can compete. If the contestant is ruled capable of competing, he/she must inform the judges of his decision to accept a reride or extra. That reride or extra must be taken before the end of the performance. If the injury occurs to the final contestant in the event, and the doctor rules he/she is capable of competing, the contestant must inform the judges of his decision regarding the acceptance of a reride or the extra and must be ready when called. It will be the chute boss' decision when the reride or rerun will be taken. In the event the attending physician rules the contestant is physically unable to compete, the attending physician's decision is final.
  18. 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.
  19. If a timed event animal escapes the confines of the arena when the contestant is still eligible to compete, the flag will be dropped and contestant must take the first available extra in the draw, lap and tap, adding this new time to the elapsed time from the original draw to find the official time for the competition.
  20. Should an animal refuse to be loaded into the chute, thus putting the production in jeopardy, the Timed Event Chute Boss can declare that animal unruly and disqualify it from that performance and from future performances. In that case, the contestant with that animal drawn will be given the first available extra.
  21. Horse handlers and helpers for the tie-down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping can bring

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the horses as far forward as the timed event animal holding pens but will not be allowed past this area or in the box. Only contestants and IFR personnel are allowed in the box or past the holding pens. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine to the contestant of \$100 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense. This rule is to be enforced by the Timed Event Chute Boss and the Assistant to the Timed Event Chute Boss.

22. Each IFR participant is prohibited from riding his or her horse anywhere on the designated landscaped and lawn areas of Lazy E Arena and the surrounding Lazy E Ranch. Trespassers will be fined \$250 per offense by the IFRC.
23. All injectable medication must be administered in the Saddle Horse Stall Area by the contestant or licensed IFR credentialed veterinarian. Anyone not complying with this procedure will be fined \$500 for the first offense, that amount progressively doubles with every offense thereafter.
24. All dogs in the livestock/saddle horse area must be on a leash and well behaved or the owner will be subject to a \$100 fine and animal removed from the premises for the duration of the event.

### ***B. TIE-DOWN ROPING***

1. Extra tie-down animals shall be roped from a horse and tied down after each performance. The Roping Chute Boss will be responsible to have, always, at least two extra tie-down animals that were roped and tied no later than the previous run on that pen.
2. No later than January 3, 2023, the Tie-Down Roping Event Representative must report to the IFR Production Manager the names of the designated men responsible for roping the extras. Those persons roping the extra tie-down animals will be subject to all rules and regulations of the IPRA, as well as any IFR ground rules.
3. Requirement for IFR Roping Calves:
  - a. Calves to weigh a minimum of 200 pounds and a maximum of 225 pounds
  - b. Semi-fresh calves must be used
  - c. Calves must be physically fit
4. Contestants will only be allowed one loop in the tie-down roping.
5. Time limit is 25 seconds.
6. There will be one pen of 20 usable tie-down animals (after the official preparation). The Tie-Down Roping Event Representative or his designated appointee and the Judges judging that event will designate the extra tie-down animals for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and Line Judge according to the order set and the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.
7. If a tie-down animal gets out of the chute before the roper has called for the tie-down animal so that official time is not recorded, the roper will take the tie-down animal set as the first available extra, and will rope him in that performance, during the tie-down roping.

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8. Fine for unintentional dragging of tie-down animal shall be \$100 for each violation. Intentional dragging of tie-down animal shall result in a \$250 fine for each violation, and contestant may be disqualified from that go-round.
9. All IPRA rules and 2023 IFR ground rules will be in effect for any preparation and/or tying of the tie-down calves for the 2023 IFR.
10. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the calves at the Lazy E Arena  
Wednesday procedure
  - a. Each calf is run through chute with the neck rope and breakaway roped.
  - b. Each calf will then have a rope put on and let out of chute a certain distance determined by pro official. Each calf will be held horseback and tied once, not let up and tied again if needed.
  - c. 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.
  - d. Calves are then returned to their pen
  - e. IFRC and Event Representative will have authority to alter the procedure of preparing the cattle if needed.

### ***C. BREAKAWAY ROPING***

1. Extra breakaway animals shall be roped from a horse after each performance. The Roping Chute Boss will be responsible to have, always, at least two extra breakaway animals that were roped no later than the previous run on that pen.
2. No later than January 3, 2023, the Breakaway Roping Event Representative must report to the IFR Production Manager the names of the designated women responsible for roping the extras. Those persons roping the extra breakaway animals will be subject to all rules and regulations of the IPRA, as well as any IFR ground rules.
3. All Breakaway Ropers must use string provided to them by Event Representative or Timed Event Chute Boss. Any Breakaway Roping Contestant using different string will be asked to re-tie their rope with sting provided to them.
4. Prior to entering the roping box, all Breakaway Ropers will have roped checked by Event Representative or appointed representative. If rope is not securely tied to saddle horn contestant must re-tie rope to saddle horn securely using string provided to them by the Event Representative or appointed Representative.
5. Contestants will only be allowed one loop in the breakaway roping.
6. Time limit is 25 seconds.
7. There will be one pen of 20 usable breakaway animals (after the official preparation). The Breakaway Roping Event Representative or her designated appointee and the Judges judging that event will designate the extra breakaway 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 Line Judge according to the order set and the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.

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8. If a breakaway animal gets out of the chute before the roper has called for the breakaway animal so that official time is not recorded, the roper will take the breakaway animal set as the first available extra, and will rope him in that performance, during the breakaway roping.
9. All IPRA rules and 2023 IFR ground rules will be in effect for any preparation of the breakaway calves for the 2023 IFR.
10. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the calves at the Lazy E Arena  
Wednesday procedure
  - a. Each calf is run through chute with the neck rope and breakaway roped.
  - 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. Calves are then returned to their pen
  - d. IFRC and Event Representative will have authority to alter the procedure of preparing the cattle if needed.

### ***D. STEER WRESTLING***

1. An initial \$250 fine will be assessed to any contestant for unnecessary roughness to steers based on the opinion of the Judges. The fine will be progressively doubled thereafter. This will specifically include unnecessary twisting of steer wrestling steer's neck after the fall has been completed.
2. Extra steers will be bulldogged from a horse and thrown down after each performance. The Timed Event Chute Boss will be responsible to see that at all times there are at least three extra steers available that have been so bulldogged no later than the previous run on that pen.
3. No later than January 3, 2023, the Steer Wrestling Event Representative must report to the IFR Production Manager the names of the designated men responsible for running the extras. Those persons running the extra steers will be subject to all rules and regulations of the IPRA, as well as any IFR ground rules.
4. Time limit is 25 seconds, with only one (1) jump allowed within the time limit.
5. There will be one pen of 20 usable steers (after the preparation). The Steer Wrestling Event Representative or his designated appointee and the Judges judging that event will designate the extra steers for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and Line Judge according to the order set, and the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.
6. If a steer gets out before the steer wrestler has called for him so the official time is not recorded, the steer wrestler will take the steer set as the first available extra in that pen and will compete on him in that performance, during the steer wrestling.
7. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the steers at the Lazy E Arena
  - a. Put steers in the left-hand delivery bucking chutes using chute 3 as the primary chute
  - b. Each steer is let out one at a time to be thrown, immediately turned out the riding event end and penned until all pens have been thrown

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- c. The steers will be taken to the timed event end, ran through the chute one at a time with no neck ropes. They will once again be penned at the riding event end.
  - d. Once all above is completed steers are then returned to the livestock area pens
  - e. IFRC and Event Representative will have authority to alter the procedure of preparing the cattle if needed.
8. All IFR hazers must have an active membership in the 2023 rodeo year. If during the IFR, a steer wrestler wants to change hazers, such change needs to be requested at least three hours prior to the draw through the rodeo secretary. At that time, they will check the new hazers 2023 rodeo year eligibility. The secretary will then get the approval from the supervising judge and become official at the draw. Any change to a hazer following the draw would require that person to be an existing contestant or hazer and get approval from the line judge or supervising judge.

### ***E. TEAM ROPING***

1. There will be one pen of 20 usable steers (after the preparation). The Team Roping Event Representative or his designated appointee and the Judges judging that event will designate the extra steers for each pen, and the order that the extras will be used. If extras are needed, they will be replaced by the Chute Boss and Line Judge according to the order set, and the Rodeo Secretary will be notified of the change.
2. If a steer gets out before the team has called for him so that official time is not recorded, the team will take the steer set as the first available extra in that pen, and will rope him in that performance, during the team roping.
3. Extra steers will be roped after the performance. No later than January 3, 2023, the Team Roping Event Representative must report to the IFR Production Manager the names of the designated men responsible for doing this. Those persons roping the extra team roping steers will be subject to all rules and regulations of the IPRA, as well as any IFR ground rules.
4. The direction of the steer's body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a crossfire and result in a disqualification.
5. The time limit is 25 seconds, with a two (2) loop maximum per team.
6. Headers who drop their rope after completing competition will be fined \$50 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each additional offense.
7. The following procedures will be in place for the running of the steers at the Lazy E Arena
  - a. Steers ran through the chute and header allowed to rope and follow to catch pen
  - b. Once all have been roped by the header, they are returned to the chute where header and heeler both rope. Each steer will be run through chute with neck rope. Heeler will not be allowed to dally.
  - c. Steers are then returned to the pens
  - d. IFRC and Event Representative will have authority to alter the procedure of preparing the cattle if needed.

**F. BARREL RACE**

1. There shall be two (2) electric eyes.
2. Barrel racing contestants are allowed one assistant in alley prior to run. Assistant cannot go beyond a designated line during the barrel race. Assistant must follow IPRA Dress Code. Contestant will be fined \$100 for first offense with the fine progressively doubling thereafter.
3. If a contestant is not ready when called, Timed Event Chute Boss and/or judge may fine contestant \$150 for first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense and/or may be disqualified by the judges. By definition, "ready when called" shall mean that the contestant must be ready to run into the arena as soon as called by the Chute Boss and/or judge.
4. Any barrel race contestants setting up and working barrels in the arena other than during the designated time will be fined \$150 for first offense, with the fine progressively doubling thereafter.
5. Barrel racing contestants will start from same alley and same gate.

IX. STOCK CONTRACTORS AND LIVESTOCK

- A. The IFRC Stock Contractor Representative will act as the liaison between IFR Judges and stock contractors.
- B. No bareback or saddle bronc horses with a history of having to be pulled out of the chute will be eligible for the IFR.
- C. No horse or bull on which a bareback rigging, saddle, or bull rope normally cannot be placed prior to being loaded in the chute will be eligible for the IFR.
- D. Deliveries for each animal must be listed at time of nomination or that animal will not be accepted. No changes to an animal's delivery will be accepted after final stock selection.**
- E. Riding event livestock must be delivered starting on Tuesday, January 10 at 12:00 p.m. (CT) and must be checked in no later than Wednesday, January 11 at 12:00 p.m. (CT), with a readable number brand. If 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 2022 IPRA Rulebook. Failure to abide by these regulations will result in a fine of \$150 per head, per offense.
- F. All cattle must be number branded and/or ear-tagged before they arrive, and all steers must have horns tipped according to the IPRA Rulebook before they arrive.
- G. Riding Event Livestock must be inspected by the Livestock Superintendent at time of arrival and must be accompanied by certified veterinary health papers and certificates as required by Oklahoma law. All required health papers must have the IPRA Stock Contracting Company of Record listed as owner. No livestock will be accepted until such

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time as the required health papers and certificates are made available to the Livestock Superintendent. If this causes the livestock acceptance to be beyond the delivery deadlines, fines will be issued as stated in IX.J of the IFR Ground Rules. No unfit or lame animals will be accepted or paid for. This includes any animal with wounds which are cosmetically questionable. Determination of such will be at the sole discretion of the IFR Official Veterinarian and the IFR Livestock Superintendent.

- H. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more riding event animal after the time designated by the IFRC shall be fined each one-half of the amount paid by the IFRC for each head of riding event livestock. A stock contractor not delivering the selected animal would be fined one-half of the amount paid by the IFRC for that said animal and would not be paid for said animal. A stock contractor who arrives with one or more unit(s)/pen(s) of cattle after the time designated in the IFR cattle contract shall be fined one-half of the amount for said unit/pen. No animals arriving after 12 hours following the designated time by the IFRC will be accepted or paid for unless approved by IFR General Manager.
- I. A stock contractor who brings to the IFR a riding event animal which has not been requested by the IFRC shall be fined \$100 per animal per day such animal is kept at the IFR. The stock contractor is also responsible for feeding and housing the animal.
- J. Any bucking horse or bull selected for the IFR that is injured, prior to or during loading to be transported to the IFR, that would need to be replaced, the stock contractor would be required to immediately notify the IFR General Manager (Dale Yerigan – 918-630-3786) and/or the IFR Livestock Superintendent (Jason Aduddell – 405-659-1627). The Event Representatives will provide the list of pens and alternates for each set of pens. Once notified of the injured animal IFR Production Management will contact the owner of the replacement animal based on the list. If the stock contractor has already left, production management will follow the list until one is found. If unable then the general manager and livestock superintendent would make the best effort to reach the event representative for input on the final selection. If unable then general manager and livestock superintendent would select. Stock contractors not notifying as stated will be fined the amount equal to payment on one head of livestock.
- K. All livestock must be vacated no later than 12:00 noon the day following the last performance of the IFR. Failure to do so will result in the offender being fined \$250 per head for the first day and progressively doubling each day thereafter until livestock has been picked up by the owner and/or stock contracting firm. Any livestock remaining past midnight (CT) on Tuesday following the rodeo, will be removed from the Lazy E Arena and any cost or liabilities incurred would be the responsibility of the owner and/or stock contracting firm.
- L. Upon the date that all livestock are required to be removed from the IFR, any sick or injured animal will be the responsibility of the contractor owning the animal.
- M. Any animal that appears to be unsound or injured when being unloaded at the IFR livestock area will be reexamined by the Livestock Superintendent and official veterinarian at time of tagging. At this time, it would be the decision of the Livestock Superintendent to accept or reject the animal or animals in question. If accepted or rejected any stock contractor requesting any anti-inflammatory medication would be required to have that medication administered by the official veterinarian and ordered by the livestock superintendent and paid for by the stock contractor. The amount of medication acceptable would be the amount accepted by the Oklahoma Gaming Regulation for horse racing. If the animal or animals in question are declared unsound and the unsoundness or

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injury was prior to being loaded to be transported to the IFR the animal would not be paid for.

- N. The procedure for replacement of sick or injured animals, after the final list of animals (36 bareback horse, 36 saddle bronc horses, 36 bulls) is finalized, will be as follows:
1. The event representatives will select six alternate animals, listing them in sequence 1 through 6 with number 1 as the first preference. If one or more animals must be replaced, because of sickness or injury, the replacement animals will be chosen in sequence from the corresponding alternate animals.
  2. If for any reason a stock contractor is unable to bring the alternate animal, the sequence order will be followed, and the first available animal will become replacement.
- O. Once a stock contractor's designated livestock pen area size has been established, it will not change unless approved by the Livestock Superintendent. Animals that need to be penned separately will be penned within the designated livestock pen area.
- P. Should an animal refuse to be loaded into the chute, thus putting the production in jeopardy, the Livestock Superintendent can declare that animal unruly and disqualify it from that performance and from all future performances. In that case, the contestant with that animal drawn will be given a reride.
- Q. Any Stock Contractor with selected animals may request one flank man credential. If the person with the flank man's pass does not flank at least one of that stock contractor's animals, pass may be picked up by the security director and stock contractor of record fined \$150.
- R. Not Ready When Called: If a Stock Contractor or Stock Contractor's flank man is not ready when called, the Chute Boss (in agreement with the Judges) or the Judges may fine the Stock Contractor \$150 for the first offense, that fine progressively doubling with each subsequent offense.
- For Flank men, the definition of "ready when called" means he/she must have the flank adjusted, gloves on if used, and ready when previous animal leaves the arena or as instructed by the chute boss and/or judges.
1. The Chute Boss has the authority to assign a flank man in the absence of the livestock owner or his designated flank man.
- S. Stock Contractors are not allowed to be in possession of a hot shot. Only designated person(s) by IFRC will be allowed to have/use a hot shot. Violators will be fined \$250 for the first offense, with said fine progressively doubling thereafter.
- T. The length of the flank latigo on horse flanks shall be no longer than nine feet (9'). Flanks MUST be checked no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the performance. Failure to adhere to this shall result in the stock contractor being fined \$100 for the first offense, that fine doubling progressively for each offense thereafter.
- U. In the saddle bronc riding: The buck rein must be fastened on the bottom of the halter noseband unless fastening to the throat latch which is preferred by the contestant.
- V. The final decision regarding if, when, and/or how an animal is tied in belongs solely to the Riding Event Chute Boss.
- W. Any stock contractor turned in by the chute boss and/or judges for interfering with the production of the rodeo

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(i.e., by not allowing a contestant to be ready when called upon or interfering with the chute boss or judges' instructions) will be fined \$150 progressively doubling.

- X. All dogs in the livestock/saddle horse area must be on a leash and well behaved or the owner will be subject to a \$100 fine and animal removed from the premises for the duration of the event.
- Y. Stock Contractors may attend the tagging of livestock but must stay in designated area and not interfere with Judges, State Brand Inspectors, the IFR vet, or Livestock Superintendent. Anyone violating this rule, in the opinion of the judges, will be fined \$150 for the first offense, progressively doubling for each offense thereafter.

### X. CONTRACT PERSONNEL

- A. IFR Contract Personnel must wear any clothing supplied by a sponsor.
- B. IFR Contract Personnel cannot work the Contract Act Showcase.
- C. Contract Act Personnel who do not comply with the IFR personnel ground rules will be fined.

### XI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND FINES

- A. Rule violations (and corresponding fines) will be posted in the rodeo office immediately following each performance. **FINES WILL BE DUE BEFORE THE NEXT PERFORMANCE.**
- B. The arena must be clear of all contestants ninety (90) minutes prior to each performance unless requested by IFRC. The fine for being in the arena during that time will be \$100 per offense.
- C. Contestants are not to call secretaries for information regarding their stock draw.
- D. The following conduct by any IFR participant (contestant, stock contractor, contract personnel) shall be regarded as a Class III offense:
  - 1. Influencing an IPRA Official: Attempting to bribe, influence through physical intimidation, or fix an event through contact with any IPRA official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge at a time when an event is in progress. Violators of this rule shall be reported to the IFRC by the IFR Judges involved.
  - 2. Harassing an IPRA Official or Spectator: Engaging in, or attempting to engage in, any action threatening, berating, harassing, intimidating, assaulting, or striking a rodeo official, a rodeo spectator, any official representative or employee of the IPRA, any IFR official, or any Member.
- E. Anything other than gloves, piggin' strings, or hats thrown into the audience after completing the ride or run will constitute a fine of \$150 per offense.**
- F. Judges will inspect each pen of animals for every event prior to each performance at which time they will determine the health of all animals. If any rough stock animals need to be taken out, they will consult with the Livestock Superintendent prior to making the decision. If any timed event animals need to be taken out it will be the judges' decision.
- G. Unruly or unmanageable animals, including contestants' horses, that endanger IFR personnel, contestants, or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the IFR, may be disqualified by the

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Judges from further use.

- H. All horses and cattle brought by stock contractors or contestants for use at the IFR must meet the Oklahoma State Health requirements. As a reminder negative Coggins in the state of Oklahoma is a twelve (12) month requirement from time of arrival at the IFR.
- I. Only official IFR veterinarians are allowed access to the arena floor. Should the contestant participating on an animal that becomes injured have a personal veterinarian present, that veterinarian may assume the responsibility of the care of the injured animal once the animal has been transported from the arena floor outside the building and blood has been drawn on the injured animal by the official veterinarian.
- J. Each selected contract personnel member who has been assigned a complimentary hotel room must check into that room unless, by his choice, he/she wishes to relinquish the assigned room. The room may be relinquished by emailing a statement releasing the room to Bandi Oliphant at [bandi.oliphant@okstate.edu](mailto:bandi.oliphant@okstate.edu). Such notification must be done no later than 4:00 P.M. (CT), on Monday, January 9, 2023. Failure to either check into the complimentary room or to release the room by the deadline specified above shall subject person to a \$100 fine and room cancellation.
- K. Any contestant, stock contractor, employee, and/or contract personnel that are in possession of or displaying eagle, hawk, owl or other protected migratory bird feathers, talons or parts will be fined \$250.00 for the first offense with that fine progressively doubling. Under the US Department of Fish & Wildlife.
- L. FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF CONTESTANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ARENA.
- M. Influencing IFR hired personnel: Attempting to bribe, influence through physical intimidation, or fix an event through contact with any IFR hired personnel at any time, in or out of the arena, shall be subject to either a fine and/or disqualification dependent on the offense.
- N. No use of cell phones in the arena or you will be fined \$100.
- O. Failure to adhere to IPRA official dress code will result in a \$50 fine.

XII. AWARDS

- A. The IFR winner is the event average winner and will be the recipient of the IFR buckle.
- B. Buckles (Go-round, Average, IFR All Around). There will be one buckle awarded to the winner. If there is a split (tie) you will have to flip for the award.
- C. Disruption of any IFR awards presentation would be considered an IPRA Class III offense and enforced accordingly.

XIII. REPORTING TIME

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- A. Every contestant must report to the Hilton Garden Inn starting at 8:30 A.M. and must be checked in no later than 11:00 A.M., Thursday, January 12, 2023.
- B. Any contestant missing this deadline may receive a cash fine not to exceed \$250 which must be paid before he/she can compete, but if any contestant willfully or purposely misses the deadline, he/she may be disqualified from Finals competition by action of the IFRC.
- C. All contestants must be saddled and ready for the Grand Entry Rehearsal at the Lazy E Arena on Thursday, January 12, 2023 no later than 1:00 P.M. This is a required function, and failure to attend will result in a fine of \$150. Visible injuries or medical releases will not be accepted to be excused from the Grand Entry rehearsal.
- D. IFR jackets and contestant numbers will be distributed at the IPRA Gold Buckle Gala on Wednesday, January 11, 2022, 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Multi-event contestants will receive one jacket and one number. Contestant must also be present for contestant introductions and/or awards. Failure to be present will result in a \$50 fine.

### XIV. REHEARSAL

- A. All contestants must be available at the Hilton Garden Inn, dressed in cowboy clothes for head shots during contestant check-in at 8:30 A.M., Thursday, January 12, 2023.
- B. Grand Entry rehearsal and group pictures will take place on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Any contestant not attending, arriving late, leaving prior to dismissal, or refusing to cooperate during Grand Entry and/or opening rehearsal will be fined \$150 for each violation. Visible injuries or medical releases will not be accepted to be excused from the Grand Entry rehearsal.

### XV. GRAND ENTRY

- A. Contestant will be fined \$100 for missing any performance Grand Entry or performance Introduction. Visible injuries or medical releases will not be accepted to be excused from the Grand Entry or performance introductions.
- B. All contestants entered in the rodeo except for the top 15 bareback riders are required to ride/walk in the Grand Entry each performance.
- C. The top 15 saddle bronc riders and top 15 bull riders will be required to line up on foot in front of the bucking chutes when their state/country is announced. All timed event contestants must furnish their own grand entry horse if they so choose; grand entry horses will not be provided. If no horse is available, contestant must walk in with rough stock contestants.
- D. If a contestant signs up to carry a state/country flag and is unable to carry their flag, that contestant will be responsible for finding a replacement or be fined \$100.
- E. Any contestant carrying the state flag during the contestant introduction who waives the flag, thus endangering the other contestants, the flag girls, spectators, or other personnel or carrying it in a disrespectful manner will be fined \$150 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense. Any contestant not returning their flag to its

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designated area/person immediately after the grand entry will be fined \$150 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense.

- F. Any contestant performing an act, such as pulling the bridle off the horse, pulling the back cinch to flank the horse, etc., thus endangering the other contestants, the flag girls, spectators, other personnel, or animals will be fined \$250 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense.
  
- G. No items will be allowed to be thrown into the audience during Grand Entry. Violators will be fined \$150 for the first offense, that fine to be doubled progressively for each additional offense thereafter.
  
- H. A contestant must ride under the U.S. State or Country of the address on file at the IPRA unless otherwise requested at time of entry and approved by the Production Manager. Requests will not be accepted after entry closing.
  
- I. Any contestant taking an extra, unauthorized lap in the grand entry will be fined \$250 for the first lap, doubling progressively for each unauthorized lap taken. In the final grand entry of the final performance, the State or Country approved by the Production Manager as having the largest number of IFR qualified contestants will be allowed to make one additional lap. Only the contestants that have been assigned to the State or Country will be permitted to take the one extra lap in the final performance.

XVI. EVENT VICTORY LAP

- A. Timed Event Contestant may be fined \$100 for failing to take a victory ride at the end of his/her event as an event winner at each performance. Rough Stock Contestant may be fined \$100 for failing to step out and tip hat at the end of his event as an event winner at each performance.

XVII. PASSES

- A. Each contestant and contract person will be given one ticket for each performance. Stock contracting companies will be given two tickets.
- B. Each employee and official will have an identification badge or card. For the contestants, the IFR back number will be sign of admission to all areas. Other than contestants, persons must have a proper access credential to be allowed on the arena floor. Anyone allowing another person to wear or use his or her credentials or back number will be fined \$250. Anyone using a bogus or expired identification pass for entry to any IFR event will be fined and/or disqualified.
- C. IPRA membership or permit cards will not be accepted for admission at the International Finals Rodeo
- D. You may video if you have a video credential. All video credentials must be claimed at IFR Contestant Meeting by January 12 at 11:00 A.M.

XVIII. PARKING

- A. Timed event contestants entered in the IFR pulling trailers will be allowed in the saddle horse area. A parking pass will be issued from the stall office upon arrival for that area. Motorized vehicles without a pass or any other parking pass besides the one issued from the stall office will

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not be granted access to this area. The pass must always be displayed when in the area and motorized vehicles in violation will be subject to towing.

- B.** Stock Contractors will only be allowed to drop livestock trailers in the designated area. Failure to park in designated area will result in a \$100 fine.

**XIX.** IFR OFFICES

- A.** The IFR production office is in the Lazy E Arena. All IFR operations, i.e., Contestant Office, Press office, and the General Manager's office, will be coordinated.

**XX.** REQUIRED FUNCTIONS

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

**A. Wednesday, January 11, 2023:**

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Timed Events: IFR cattle worked, Lazy E Arena.
12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Barrel Racers: Practice runs at Lazy E Arena.
2:00 P.M.	Riding Event stock draw for first two go-rounds.
5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	IPRA GBG Social Hour, Aspen Ranch IFR contestant numbers and jackets will be presented.
6:00 P.M.	IPRA Gold Buckle Gala, Aspen Ranch

**B. Thursday, January 12, 2023:**

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Contestant Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn
1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Contestant Grand Entry Rehearsal, Lazy E Arena.
1:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Contestant group pictures, Lazy E Arena.
7:30 P.M. - Conclusion	First Performance, International Finals Rodeo, Lazy E Arena.

**C. Friday, January 13, 2023:**

7:30 P.M. - Conclusion	Second Performance, International Finals Rodeo, Lazy E Arena.
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**D. Saturday, January 14, 2023:**

7:30 P.M. - Conclusion	Third Performance, International Finals Rodeo, Lazy E Arena.
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**E. Sunday, January 15, 2023:**

12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.	OG+E Kid's Day, Lazy E Arena
2:00 P.M. - Conclusion	Fourth Performance, International Finals Rodeo, Lazy E Arena. After 4 <sup>th</sup> performance = Recognition of IFR average winners and World Champions in arena. FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF CONTESTANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ARENA.

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	World Championship Awards Banquet, Broken Horn Ranch
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