

Manitoba Finals Rodeo Ground Rules 2017

Contestants

1. Contestants in the top ten standings who have competed at the required number of rodeos after Wapella Rodeo results are finalized and published, are considered to be eligible to enter the Finals, along with the winner of the Eastern Tour or the next eligible Eastern Tour contestant and the winner of the Western Tour or the next eligible contestant. If Wapella Rodeo official results are not received by the time of entries, Finals entries will be done on unofficial results, and any changes that may occur after entries are done will be dealt with on an individual basis. To confirm your attendance or non-attendance, all contestants must contact the MRCA office on Wednesday, October 11th between 10:00am and 3:00pm Manitoba time by telephone. There will be no draw outs after Friday October 13th, and no refunds on entry fees will be issued. Fees may be paid by Visa/Mastercard on entry day or by Cheque / Cash at registration. If you do not enter on the 11th the office will treat you as a non competitor, and the next eligible contestant in the standings will be contacted to compete in your place. Contestants who turn out of any performance at the Manitoba Finals Rodeo will NOT be eligible for Finals awards.
2. Performance times are Thursday, Oct 26th, Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th at 7:00 pm.
3. Finals Rodeo office will open for entries on Thursday, October 26 at 1:00 pm and will close at 4:00pm sharp. The office will be located in Salon B. Maps will be located on site. Anyone paying fees after 4:00 will not be allowed to compete in the first round of the Manitoba Finals Rodeo.
4. A Finals pictures will be done on Thursday, October 26 at 5:30PM. **If you are not present for pictures a \$100.00 fine will be incurred.**
All contestants are to assemble at the Barn Bar – Westoba Ag Centre Hallway for contestant meeting at 4:45 pm on Thursday, October 26th.
5. Contestants will be issued a back number which must be worn on their back for all three performances. Back numbers are issued based on your season end ranking. If you are not wearing your back number during the rodeo performance you will be subject to a \$100 FINE.
6. Finals Entry Fees: Major Events \$100.00, Junior Events \$60.00, Rough Stock events \$120.00.
7. The MRCA reserves the right to fine anyone for unruly conduct during the Finals.
8. The Main Arena will be open to rodeo contestants from 1:00 – 3:30 pm on Thursday, October 26th.

9. The arena will not be open again to contestants prior to the first performance, and anyone found to be riding in the arena after this time will be fined.
10. The arena director in conjunction with both judges will be responsible for handing out fines to rodeo contestants, for conduct that hinders the progress of the performance, as well as any conduct unbecoming to the integrity of the rodeo. These fines will be levied and will range from \$50-\$100 and must be paid before the contestant will be allowed to compete in the next performance. A complete list of expectations will be available at check in.

Dress Code

1. Everyone working and/or participating in the arena during the Finals performance must be dressed in suitable western attire.

Passes

1. Only Finals contestants and personnel will be provided with passes.
2. A contestant losing his/her pass will not be re-issued an additional pass. The contestant will be required to purchase a ticket.
3. Companion passes may be purchased for \$25.00.

Arena

1. Any complaints must go to the Arena Director. His word is Final.
2. No unauthorized personal will be allowed in front of the chute area, or in front of the timed event area during the performance. This is to be enforced by the Arena Director.
3. The Judges have the authority to disqualify any contestant from:
 - a) Competing in a performance, if in his opinion the contestant is holding up the performance for unjust reasons.
 - b) For breaking any Finals Ground Rules.
4. Timed event contestants will compete in order of Western Tour Qualifier, Eastern Tour Qualifier, followed by 10th qualified position to 1st qualified position.
5. In the Team Roping event Western and Eastern Tour Qualifiers MUST rope together, The Top 10 in the regular season standings will chose their partners. Top 10 qualification will come before Tour Qualification (ie: if you are in the Top 10 and a Tour Spot – your Top 10 spot will come first in determining qualifiers)

6. Positions for Ladies Barrel Racing and Junior Girls Barrel Racing will compete in order of Western Tour Qualifier, Eastern Tour Qualifier, followed by 10th qualified position to 1st qualified position. The orders will role three (3) positions for Friday and three (3) more for Saturday. Raking will be done by a ground crew consisting of 2 rakers throughout each run.
7. In the timed events, only two (2) contestants will be allowed in the arena at one time.
8. No one will be allowed to stand beyond the score line in all timed events or the contestant will be flagged out.
9. Once the competitor has finished an event, the competitor will be required to leave the arena and warm up area to avoid congestion in the arena.
10. Only Finals contestants will be allowed in the arena during the timed events.
11. All timed event cattle will be drawn two hours before each performance.
12. Rough stock & timed event stock will be drawn daily at 4:00 pm. All draws will be posted as soon as possible.
13. Main arena agenda and warm up times for the arena will be posted in the rodeo office and strictly adhered to.
14. The ramp and the area at the bottom of the ramp (entrance to the main arena) must be kept clear at all times to prevent possible accidents.

Stabling

1. Horses can arrive on the grounds any time Thursday. Timed event contestants must state when they will be arriving and leaving with horses for stalling purposes.
2. Stabling Responsibilities: Tying horses to trailers or self penning overnight is NOT permitted for rodeo contestants. Should you wish to haul in/out please specify when making entries. All manure will be placed in designated areas. STABLE MAINTENANCE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTESTANT AND THE OWNERS OF THE HORSES.
3. Applicable fees for stabling and hauling in/out will be charged to contestants.

Camping

1. If you require an electrical plug in you MUST complete a Provincial Exhibition Campground Application Form and send to the Provincial Exhibition Office. Camping must be prepaid with a credit card or form must be sent with a cheque. The MRCA Office will NOT be responsible for booking camping spots. The cost for camping with an electrical spot is \$25/night plus GST and forms can be found at www.manitobaagex.com

Winners/Champions

1. The winners of each event in each go-round must be present immediately after his/her event for a go-round winner interview.
2. All ties will be broken with a ride-off or rope-off.
3. Year End Awards/Horse of the Year Awards will be presented Thursday October 26, 2017 following the rodeo performance in the MNP Convention Hall
4. Finals awards will be presented in the Main Arena Saturday, Cowboy & Cowgirl of the Year will be presented Saturday in the Main Arena
5. All Contestants winning Year End awards must be present to receive awards.

PAYOUT

1. Added money for finals will be as follows: \$850.00 per performance in Major events for a total of \$2550.00, \$183.33 per performance in junior events for a total of \$550.00. Total finals added money is \$21,500.00
Saddle Bronc & Bareback events will pay \$753.75 to the winner, \$586.25 to 2nd place \$335 to 3rd place. Avg points will be distributed as per regular rules
2. If there is 8 or less contestants in an event (Major or Junior) the payout will be split 3 ways (45/35/20 split) and go round and average points will be awarded 60/40/20. Events with more than 8 contestants the payout will be split 4 ways (40/30/20/10 split) and go round and average points will awarded at 80/60/40/20. Saddle Bronc & Bareback events will pay \$753.75 to the winner, \$586.25 to 2nd place \$335 to 3rd place. Avg points will be distributed as per regular rules
3. All Finals pay will be issued from the MRCA office as soon as possible.
4. The Average is calculated by points totaled on times or scores of the three rounds. Points for the Average are 80, 60, 40, and 20. Average points will include all three rounds to determine Finals Champion.