

Canadian Cowboys Association Finals Ground Rules

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Contestants **MUST PAY FINALS ENTRIES** with the CCA Office October 13,14, and/or 17th. There will be no registration onsite, only wristband pickup.

Your backnumber and wristbands will serve as your "ID". These will be required to get into Prairieland Park and the rodeo. Only those with backnumbers and/or ID tags will be allowed in the back pens. Contestants **MUST** wear back numbers at all times. If you forget or misplace your wristband there will be a cost of \$20 to replace it.

Contestants will be required to appear at all related CCA Finals events in accordance with the daily schedule found in this package. Mandatory Appearances are highlighted.

The Finals Kickoff and Awards Banquet is **MANDATORY** for all finalists. Backnumbers will be given out at the Kickoff. No backnumber = no competing.

Contestants **MUST** attend the Contestant Orientation Meeting at the Long Branch at 4pm on Thursday

Contestants and Personnel **MUST** conduct themselves in a Professional and Respectful manner at all times during the week while at Prairieland Park and any other event facilities for CCA Finals. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions. Any abuse towards volunteers, directors, personnel, staff, and fellow contestants will result in an automatic \$500 fine.

Timed Event horses will **NOT** be allowed at Prairieland Park any earlier than 4pm on Wednesday afternoon. Open riding for contestants is Thursday from 7:00am to 10:00am, Friday from 7:00am to 10:00am and Sunday from 7:00am to 10:00am. Barrel work **MUST** be off the markers or a \$300 fine will be given. There will be no open riding on Saturday.

Mounted Shooting – will have the arena on Saturday from 10am to 4pm

Training horses will **NOT** be allowed at Prairieland Park during the week. Only Horses used for rodeo competition may be brought on the Prairieland Park grounds.

It is mandatory for a Veterinarian to be in attendance at all performances.

The Canadian Pro Rodeo Sports Medicine Team will be on site to assist any contestants who require their services.

Enter arena as you compete and leave immediately after your run unless the Timed Event maximum in the arena is 1 person and/or 1 team at one time. Finalists and Personnel shall refrain from loitering in the rodeo arena during the performance. The area behind the chutes must be kept clear and contestants are allowed **ONLY ONE** helper. Cameramen **MUST** be respected and given the right of way at all times.

Contestants will be fined for any unnecessary delay in the rodeo production such as not being ready to compete when called upon to do so. As a result, a 45 second rule will be enforced by directors and judges, and it will be the responsibility of the contestants to check the fine list at the office. Fines **MUST** be paid prior to competing in the next performance. Reasonable and justifiable delays will not result in a fine.

Splits in the timed events **MUST** be done 2 hours prior to the performance(s).

If there is a rerun needed in a Timed Event, the spare must be taken.

Contestants may wear their own shirts, but the shirts must be respectable and in accordance with the Rule Book Section VIII Rule 1(h). Finalists must be in dress code anytime they are in the building 1 hour prior to each performance and during the performance.

Contestants **MUST** attend and arrive for group pictures in the arena or a \$500 fine will be levied and you will not be allowed to compete until paid.

Contestants **MUST** compete in the first performance of the CCA Finals Rodeo. A valid Doctor or Visible Injury Release will be accepted after the first performance. Section III, Rule 5 will apply to assign alternate(s) for that performance. If a second Doctor or Visible Injury Release is used, the finalist must forfeit their right to any further competition during the finals.

Once a Finals Contestant has entered the Finals on the designated entry day he/she has 7 days to do a straight turn out with no penalty. Straight turn outs provided after **October 18th** will result in a \$500 fine.

In the case where an event is down to nine contestants or less, there will be a limit of 2 alternates per event allowed to compete at the CCA Finals. Alternates do not qualify for the CCA Finals Championship; points awarded to non-alternates will coincide with the place they finish.

Turned Out stock **MUST** go to the bottom of the re-ride list.

In the event of a tie for the Hi-Point title and/or All Around Title, the championship will be decided on the basis of association standings in the Hi-Point category and/or All Around category at the end of the regular rodeo season.

CCA Finals All Around and Hi-Point Championships will be decided on a sudden death basis. Please refer to Section III 4 (c) in regards to Hi-Point and And All Around championship information.

A three man judging system will be used for all riding events. Each judge will be allowed to use half points for the rider and the animal.

All go-round winners must be available for interviews after each performance if requested and at any other time that they are requested to do so. Additional information and details will be given at the orientation meeting.

Stalls will be labelled for all timed event horses. Tack Stalls will also be labeled. 2 Stalls are also designated for Roughstock Contestants. Stalls and alleyways in the barns **MUST** be kept clean. Contestants will be assessed a \$50 fine if your stall area is not tidy. The rules implemented by the Barn Boss **MUST** be followed. Failure to comply will result in a \$50 fine. Stalls must be cleaned out (taken outside to manure pile) before leaving Prairieland Park or contestants will be fined \$250 per stall. Only shavings are allowed in the stalls at Prairieland Park (no straw). Wood pellets and 'Healthi-Straw®' are allowed. A \$250 fine will be levied if there is straw in a stall.

Do not block or tie horses in any of the alleyways at Prairieland Park.

Failure to comply with any of the ground rules will result in a \$50 fine and will double with each additional infraction unless otherwise stated. Fines **MUST** be paid prior to competing in the next performance of the Finals.

Please take note of the Rules in Section XIX (J) on page 38 that will apply to the Junior Steer Riding Event at the CCA Finals.

Any situations arising not specified in the rulebook and/or CCA Finals Ground Rules will be addressed and handled by the 2022 Board of Directors.