



**Calgary Exhibition & Stampede  
July 5 – 14, 2024**

THIS AGREEMENT MADE BETWEEN:

CALGARY EXHIBITION AND STAMPEDE LIMITED  
(the "Calgary Stampede")

- and -

(the "Contestant")

WHEREAS the Calgary Stampede hosts an annual rodeo on its premises in Calgary, Alberta known as the Calgary Stampede Rodeo, to be held from July 5 to 14, 2024 (the "2024 Rodeo").

AND WHEREAS the Contestant is a professional rodeo contestant and has qualified to compete in the 2024 Rodeo.

IN CONSIDERATION of the matters herein described, and of the mutual rights and obligations set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Agreement to Compete**

- (a) The Calgary Stampede agrees to allow the Contestant to compete in the 2024 Rodeo in the "Event(s)" in which he/she has qualified and the Contestant agrees to make him/herself available to compete, and to compete, as scheduled, and, in addition, to be available for promotional activities and other events, all in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth.
- (b) Contestant will confirm their entry to the 2024 Calgary Stampede Rodeo by completing and submitting the **2024 Calgary Stampede Rodeo Contestant Acknowledgment & Agreement page no later than June 18, 2024** to Calgary Stampede Rodeo Officials. Failure to complete and submit the form by the noted deadline will result in your forfeit of a qualified position to compete in 2024.

2. **Entry Fees/Prize Money**

- (a) The Calgary Stampede agrees to waive entry fees for the Event(s), and to pay the Contestant, if or to the extent he/she is judged to have successfully competed in the Event(s), the format and payout being as described in Schedule "B" and "C" hereto.

3. **Rodeo Obligations of Contestant**

During the 2024 Rodeo, the Contestant agrees to:

- (a) perform to the best of his/her abilities in respect of all rides/performances in the Event(s) in which he/she is scheduled or qualifies to compete, including Pool competition, and Sunday Semi-Finals and Showdown;
- (b) keep, and report, in good physical condition throughout the Rodeo for all such rides/performances.

#### 4. **Physical Condition**

The Calgary Stampede may deny or restrict the Contestant from competing in the Event(s) if in its sole (reasonable) judgment of Calgary Stampede appointed Physician, competing would present a danger to him/her or others and the Contestant agrees to abide by such decision of the Calgary Stampede. The Contestant agrees, if requested, to submit to a medical examination and/or treatment, including examination or treatment by the Calgary Stampede's medical staff.

#### 5. **Alcohol and Drug Testing**

The Calgary Stampede reserves the right to test any contestant(s) or person in a Safety Sensitive Position for alcohol or drugs that it deems appropriate.

##### **Alcohol Policy**

Any Contestant failing a breathalyzer test, (zero tolerance = 0.00%), prior to competing will result in the following:

Suspension from competing in that performance.

Any contestant refusing to take any such tests will be disqualified from the rodeo.

##### **Drug Policy**

**Illegal Drug** means any drug substance which is not legally obtainable and whose use, sale, possession, purchase or transfer is restricted or prohibited by law.

**Impairing Prescription Medication** means a substance, other than Marijuana, that may be legally prescribed by a health care professional in Canada and that has the potential to impair the physical or cognitive abilities of the contestant using the substance, regardless of whether the substance is or is not used as prescribed.

**Marijuana** means all parts of the Cannabis plant, its derivatives and compounds that contain the psychoactive cannabinoid chemical delta-9-tetrahydro-cannabinol (THC).

**Prohibited Substance** means any substance which Calgary Stampede has declared prohibited and includes Marijuana.

**Safety Sensitive Position** means a position, as determined by Calgary Stampede, in which a Rodeo Official, Arena help, Contract personnel, Rodeo Competitor, hazer or helper has a direct role in rodeo such that Alcohol, Illegal Drug, Impairing Prescription Medication or Prohibited Substance use could result in:  
(a) An incident affecting the health or safety of employees, competitors, patrons, animals, or the public; or  
(b) An inadequate response or failure to respond to an emergency or operational situation.

##### **Testing Protocol – Illegal Drugs, Prohibited Substances and Impairing Prescription Medication**

A person required to undergo testing for the presence in his or her body of Illegal Drugs, Prohibited Substances or Impairing Prescription Medications, or a combination of these substances, shall provide a sample of bodily fluid to a Calgary Stampede Representative at a time and place and in a manner directed by the Representative.

##### **Refusal to Test, Adulterating or Tampering with Sample**

A person refusing to provide a sample as required or adulterates or tampers with, or attempts to adulterate or tamper with, a sample provided, will be disqualified from the rodeo.

##### **Providing false samples**

A person violates these rules who:

- (a) Provides a false sample;

- (b) Provides a sample that is not their own sample;
- (c) Possesses any substance that may or could alter, interfere or impede the correct giving of, testing or analysis of a sample.

### **Additional Testing**

Where a laboratory conducting a test for the presence of an Illegal Drug, a Prohibited Substance or an Impairing Prescription Medication reports that the testing of the sample cannot provide an accurate determination of the presence or the amount of the substance in a sample for whatever reason, including that the sample is a dilute sample, the person shall submit to an additional test, if directed by a Calgary Stampede representative.

### **Immediate Suspension – Illegal Drugs, Impairing Prescription Medication or Prohibited Substances in a sample**

Should an Illegal Drug, a Prohibited Substance or Impairing Prescription Medication be found to be present in the body of a contestant or any person in a Safety Sensitive Position at the time of testing, they will be suspended for the duration of the rodeo.

## **6. Event Rules and Decisions Binding**

All Contestants competing in the 2024 Rodeo must be PRCA/WPRA members in good standing. No permits will be accepted.

The Contestant acknowledges he/she is familiar with, and agrees to abide by, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association 2024 Rule Book, the Women's Professional Rodeo Association 2024 Rule Book, the 2024 Rodeo Ground Rules of the Calgary Stampede, and the 2024 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, as these may be amended or revised from time to time. In the event of any conflict between or among the aforesaid rules, the 2024 Rodeo Ground Rules of the Calgary Stampede will govern.

All decisions of THE CALGARY STAMPEDE judges are final. All scores, once tabulated and certified by the judges and the rodeo secretary, are final.

Contestants must refrain from speaking to the judges while in the arena unless a judge initiates the conversation. Contestants must refrain from attempting to persuade or to intimidate the judges inside or outside of the arena - to include appeals for a re-ride. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a breach of the Contestant Agreement, disqualifying the offending contestant from any further competition in Calgary Stampede events in 2025 and 2026.

If a contestant who enters the Calgary Stampede chooses not to compete for a "non- injury/non-medical" reason, that contestant will be in breach of the Contestant Agreement and will be ineligible to compete in any Calgary Stampede event in 2025 and 2026.

## **7. Acknowledgement, Waivers, Release and Indemnity**

The Contestant acknowledges that rodeo is a dangerous activity and that participation exposes the Contestant to serious and substantial risk, including risk of personal injury or even death, and as well as risk to his/her possessions and to the person and possessions of any employees, servants and agents assisting the Contestant in participating in the Event(s).

Being familiar with these risks and as a condition of being allowed to participate in the 2024 Rodeo and the Event(s), the Contestant agrees to the following terms in respect of participation:

- (a) Neither the Calgary Stampede nor any of its directors, officers, employees, agents or volunteers will in any circumstances be held liable or responsible for any loss or injury suffered to my person or possessions or those of my employees, servants or agents, arising out of attendance at the 2024 Rodeo or participation in the Event(s) however caused; and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, whether such loss or injury is caused by the negligence, gross negligence or otherwise of the Calgary Stampede, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers or agents; and the Contestant hereby waives and releases all such claims which the Contestant or his/her employees, volunteers or agents have or may have.

- (b) The Contestant agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Calgary Stampede, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers or agents from all claims, demands or actions to which they may be subjected arising out of any loss or injury as aforementioned suffered by the Contestant and his/her employees, servants and agents.
- (c) Notwithstanding clauses (a) and (b), should the Contestant be held liable to any other person(s) for any loss or injury caused by the intentional acts or gross negligence of the Calgary Stampede, its directors, officers, employees, agents or volunteers, the Calgary Stampede will indemnify and save harmless the Contestant, his/her employees, volunteers or agents from all such liability, including legal costs.

This provision is binding upon the Contestant, his/her spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

8. **Medical Coverage**

The Calgary Stampede agrees to provide medical coverage for the Contestant for the period of the 2024 Rodeo, in respect of his/her participation in the Event(s), as set out in Schedule "D" and "E" hereto.

9. **Entry into Canada**

The Contestant agrees that he/she is responsible for any and all requirements that may be imposed in respect of his/her entry into Canada in order to compete in the 2024 Rodeo. The Contestant will by June 7, 2024 have obtained a passport and/or any other necessary documentation and requirements to enter Canada and taken all other steps which he/she can to ensure entry into Canada in order to compete, including transporting animals. The Contestant will by June 7, 2024 advise Calgary Stampede if there are any issues foreseen in respect of entry and, if there are, will either resolve the same with Calgary Stampede or withdraw from the Event(s).

10. **Publicity and Promotion**

The Contestant agrees to:

- (a) participate in promotional activities which the Calgary Stampede and/or the Calgary Stampede on behalf of Calgary Stampede sponsors may reasonably request during the 2024 Rodeo, including special events (breakfasts, dinners, etc.).
- (b) post on social media as requested. CS Rodeo may provide content and briefing materials to enable the contestant to perform the social media services. The contestant understands that all promotions they promote as part of this agreement are monitored by CS Rodeo. The contestant assumes all responsibility for verifying that the materials used meet CS Rodeo's approval.
- (c) not participate in any activities or events related to the 2024 Rodeo other than those sponsored or promoted by the Calgary Stampede and/or the Event(s) Sponsor(s), without the approval of the Calgary Stampede.
- (d) allow his/her likeness, alone or with others, to be taken for Calgary Stampede Broadcast, television, still photography, website or any other display or medium whatsoever during attendance at and participation in the 2024 Rodeo and agrees that all such likenesses shall be the property of and may be used by the Calgary Stampede and/or the Event(s) sponsor(s) for their joint or individual promotion purposes as they see fit without further payment or other compensation.

The Contestant also agrees to allow the Calgary Stampede and/or the Event(s) sponsor(s) to use his/her name, likeness, facsimile and biographical sketch for their joint or individual promotion purposes, without prior consultation or further compensation.

11. **Exclusivity of Engagement**

The Contestant shall be free to compete in other rodeo events at other locations during the period of the 2024 Rodeo, provided however that any such other engagements do not hinder or interfere with the Contestant's ability to fully and satisfactorily perform and carry out all of his/her obligations under this agreement.

12. **Sponsorship Identification**

The Contestant agrees that he/she will not wear or display on his/her clothing or otherwise the logo or identifying name or marks of any person or organization other than those that are registered and approved with the PRCA Patch Program.

13. **Contestant Apparel – use of graphics & logos**

In alignment with the Calgary Stampede's western values, the Contestant agrees that logos, graphics, words or phrases that may be seen to be offensive, suggestive or otherwise controversial, are not to be worn on Stampede Park or while representing the Calgary Stampede as a Contestant. Approved use of logos, graphics, words and phrases on apparel will be governed by Calgary Stampede Management and may include consultation with advisory groups such as the Anti-Defamation League.

14. **Term and Termination**

This Agreement shall be in effect as of the Effective Date and, unless terminated earlier by either one of the parties as provided hereunder, shall continue in full force and effect until the end of the Calgary Stampede Rodeo.

CE&S may terminate this Agreement at any time and for any reason upon providing the Contestant with five (5) days' notice.

Contestant may terminate this Agreement at any time and for any reason upon providing CE&S with one (1) month's written notice. If contestant chooses to terminate agreement for "non- injury/non-medical" reason, that contestant will be in breach of the Contestant Agreement and will be ineligible to compete in any Calgary Stampede event in 2025 and 2026.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, CE&S shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement immediately and without notice in the event the Contestant breaches or otherwise violates any term or condition of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, CE&S shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement immediately and without notice in the instance of a "Force Majeure Event". A Force Majeure Event is defined as one or more of the following causes that renders the performance impossible, impracticable, ruinous, or unsafe: death, illness or serious injury to Contestant; fire; flood; acts of war; threat(s) or act(s) of terrorism; riot(s) or other form(s) of civil disorder in or around, or near the Venue; strike, lockout, or other forms of labor difficulties; any act, order, rule, or regulation of any court, government agency, regulatory body, health authority, or public authority; act of God; absence of power or other essential service; failure of technical facilities; pandemic; epidemic; public health emergency; communicable disease outbreak; closing of borders to travel; and/or any similar or dissimilar cause beyond CE&S's or Contestant's reasonable control.

In the event that this Agreement is terminated for any reason, CE&S shall have the sole discretion and right to replace the Contestant with another Rodeo Contestant.

15. **Governing Law**

It is agreed that this agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta. The Contestant attorns to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Alberta in respect of all disputes concerning or related to this agreement.

## **Schedule "A"**

### **Calgary Stampede Rodeo**

#### **2024 Qualifications 30 Contestants per event @ 6 events**

Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Tie-Down Roping and Steer Wrestling: the Calgary Stampede will invite thirty (30) contestants:

- Top Five (5) from the 2023 Canadian Professional Rodeo Association final standings (drop-down until filled);
- Top fifteen (15) from the 2023 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association World Standings (no drop down);
- Top ten (10) from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Current Year Standings as of May 7, 2024 not already qualified (drop-down until filled).

Bull Riding: the Calgary Stampede will invite thirty (30) contestants:

- Top Four (4) from the 2023 Canadian Professional Rodeo Association final standings (drop-down until filled);
- Top fifteen (15) from the 2023 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Final Standings (no drop down);
- Five (5) Exemptions at the discretion of the Calgary Stampede;
- Top six (6) from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Current Year Standings as of May 7, 2024 not already qualified (drop-down until filled).

Ladies Barrel Racing: the Calgary Stampede will invite thirty (30) contestants:

- Top four (4) from the 2023 Canadian Professional Rodeo Association final standings (drop-down until filled);
- Top fifteen (15) from the 2023 Women's Professional Rodeo Association final standings (no drop down);
- Top five (5) from the 2024 Women's Professional Rodeo Association Qualifications standings as of April 1, 2024 not already qualified (drop down until filled);
- Top two (2) from the 2024 Women's Professional Rodeo Association Regional Event Qualifier not already qualified (drop down until filled);
- Top four (4) from the 2024 CS Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier not already qualified (drop down until filled).

**Schedule "B"**

**Calgary Stampede Rodeo**

**2024 Format**

**POOL A – JULY 5 – 7**

10 Contestants in each event  
Top 4 in each event advance to Semi-Finals

**POOL B – JULY 8 – 10**

10 Contestants in each event  
Top 4 in each event advance to Semi-Finals

**POOL C – JULY 11 – 13**

10 Contestants in each event  
Top 4 in each event advance to Semi-Finals

**July 14 – Day 10 – Semi-Finals/Showdown**

**Semi-Finals**

Top 4 from Pool A, Top 4 from Pool B, Top 4 from Pool C  
Top 4 in each event advance to Showdown

**Showdown**

Top 4 from Semi-Finals

**Schedule "C"**

**Calgary Stampede Rodeo**

**2024 Calgary Stampede Rodeo Pay Off Per Event**

Day 1 – 9 Pool A, B and C Go-rounds	
1)	7,000
2)	5,500
3)	4,500
4)	3,250
5)	2,000
6)	1,000
Day 10 Semi-Finals/Showdown	
1)	\$50,000 Showdown
2)	\$20,000 Showdown
3)	\$10,000 Showdown
4)	\$7,500 Showdown
5)	\$3,000 Semi-Finals
6)	\$2,500 Semi-Finals
7)	\$2,000 Semi-Finals
8)	\$1,000 Semi-Finals
9)	\$1,000 Semi-Finals
10)	\$1,000 Semi-Finals
11)	\$1,000 Semi-Finals
12)	\$1,000 Semi-Finals

**Prize Money Totals**

	<b>Per Event</b>	<b>Total</b>
Pool A, B, and C (Days 1-9)	\$209,250	\$1,255,500
Semi-Final & Showdown (Day 10)	\$100,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$309,250</b>	<b>\$1,855,500</b>



**Schedule "D"**  
**Calgary Stampede Rodeo Competitor Insurance**  
**Canadian Competitors**

**Highlights**

Who is insured:

All registered Canadian participants, under age 70

When Does Coverage Apply:

Bodily injury that occurs when travelling directly to the rodeo event, while participating in the events and while returning directly back home from the event.

Benefits: All benefits are payable only if the Bodily Injury is caused by an accident

- \$50,000 Death
- \$50,000 Dismemberment and loss of use. Payments are based on a decreasing schedule of injuries eg: loss of one hand - \$37,500.
- \$ 200 Weekly Accident Disability Indemnity, payable after a waiting period of 30 days from the date of disability onset and payable for a maximum period of 26 consecutive weeks.
- \$10,000 Medical Expenses. Covered expenses are listed in the policy and include items such as ambulance, drugs, chiropractors (\$500 max)
- \$ 1,000 Dental Injury Expenses, for a max period of 52 weeks from the date of loss
- \$ 4,500 Hospital Cash. Payable if confined to hospital at \$50/day for the 1<sup>st</sup> 30 days of confinement then at \$100/day for 30 more days of confinement

Insurer: Beneva Inc

## Schedule "E"

### Calgary Stampede Rodeo Competitor Insurance

#### Non-Canadian Competitors

#### Highlights

Who is insured:

All registered Non Canadian participants, under age 65

When Does Coverage Apply:

Bodily injury that occurs when travelling directly to the rodeo event, while participating in the events and while returning directly back home from the event.

Benefits: All benefits are payable only if the Bodily Injury which results in loss is caused by an accident

- \$50,000 Death
- \$50,000 Dismemberment and loss of use. Payments are based on a decreasing schedule of injuries eg: loss of one hand - \$37,500.
- \$50,000 Lump Sum Permanent Total Disability
- \$10,000 Medical Expenses. Covered expenses are listed in the policy and include items such as ambulance, drugs, chiropractors (\$500 max)
- \$ 1,000 Dental Injury Expenses, for a max period of 52 weeks from the date of loss
- \$ 4,500 Hospital Cash. Payable if confined to hospital at \$50/day for the 1<sup>st</sup> 30 days of confinement then at \$100/day for 30 more days of confinement
- \$25,000 Full Medical Coverage per accident/sickness. Coverage includes primary hospital and doctor bills, outpatient services and x-rays.

Insurer: Beneva Inc

**Schedule “F”  
Calgary Stampede  
Rodeo Sponsorship**

**Exclusive Product Supplier**

- **BMO Bank of Montreal** – Official and Exclusive bank of the Calgary Stampede
  - Credit card promotions are exclusive to BMO and their credit card Partners.
- **Coca-Cola** – Official and Exclusive soft drink of the Calgary Stampede
- **ENMAX** – Exclusive Generator and Supplier of Electricity and Natural Gas to the Calgary Stampede
- **General Motors (GMC)** – Official and Exclusive Vehicle of the Calgary Stampede
  - Product category exclusivity - exclusive rights to promote, advertise or endorse in the manufacturing and distributing of new and used vehicles including cars, sport utility vehicles, crossover vehicles, imported vehicles, electric vehicles, zero emission vehicles, hybrid vehicles, trucks, vans, and automotive technology such as OnStar and similar mutually agreed in-car automotive technologies in association with all programs and events
- **Labatt/Budweiser** – Official and Exclusive beer of the Calgary Stampede
- **Lammlé’s Western Wear & Tack** – Official Western Wear Supplier of the Calgary Stampede
- **WestJet** – Official & Exclusive Airline of the Calgary Stampede

NOTE: In addition, all of the above exclusive suppliers are considered exclusive advertisers. Advertising means visible packaging, poster, point-of-sale materials, and any other visible notice of the brand.

**Official/Preferred Suppliers**

- **Alberta Boot Company** – Official Boot of the Calgary Stampede
- **ATCO Structures**– Official supplier of Modular Units
- **Bennett Jones** – Official Legal Counsel
- **BURNCO** – Preferred supplier of aggregate, ready mix, asphalt and landscape products
- **Calgary Herald** – News media partner of the Calgary Stampede
- **Eau Claire Distillery** – Official Whiskey of the Calgary Stampede
- **Green Drop** – Official Weed Control, Lawn Care supplier of the Calgary Stampede
- **Mike’s Beverage Co.** – Preferred Ready to Drink (RTD) Cocktail Supplier
- **Mott’s Clamato** – Official Cocktail of the Calgary Stampede
- **Polaris** – Official off road vehicle of the Calgary Stampede
- **Smithbilt Hats** – Official Cowboy Hat of the Calgary Stampede
- **Sunbelt Rentals** – Preferred Equipment Rental Supplier of the Calgary Stampede
- **RGO Office Products Ltd.** Preferred supplier of office products throughout all Calgary Stampede offices
- **WCD Digital Imaging** – Preferred Supplier of Print and Mail Services to the Calgary Stampede
- **Wrangler** – Competitors in the rodeo events of the Calgary Stampede and Rocky Mountain Cup are permitted to wear advertisements on their clothing that must adhere to the Calgary Stampede & PRCA Patch Program rules and regulations \*the advertisements may belong to competitors of existing Calgary Stampede sponsors.

**Third Party Advertising**

Unless approved prior to licensing by the Calgary Stampede, there shall be no third party advertising within locations or on booths or booth signage. This is what is referred to as pass-through advertising. The exception is existing ‘official’ or ‘exclusive’ suppliers of the Calgary Stampede.

## THE CALGARY STAMPEDE

PERFS:10 Perfs: July 5- 1:30 PM; July 6- 1:30 PM; July 7- 1:30 PM; July 8- 1:30 PM; July 9- 1:30 PM; July 10- 1:30 PM; July 11- 1:30 PM; July 12- 1:30 PM; July 13- 1:30 PM; July 14- 1:30 PM EVENTS: BB SB BR TD SW LBR

### 1.0 GROUND RULES:

- 1.1 The Calgary Stampede Rodeo references 10 days of invitational championship rodeo competition to be held in the Calgary Stampede Infield Arena from July 5, 2024 through to July 14, 2024 (see “2024 the Calgary Stampede Performance Dates and Times” for the specific schedule). The Calgary Stampede Rodeo will feature 3 Pools of competition, each including 3 days of consecutive competition with 10 contestants in Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling and Ladies Barrel Racing; 1 Semi Finals Round with 12 per event; 1 Showdown Round with 4 Contestants per event.
- 1.2 CONTESTANT AGREEMENT references the binding legal agreement (Calgary Stampede Rodeo Contestant Agreement) between each contestant and the Calgary Stampede. Each contestant accepts the terms of the Contestant Agreement upon entering the Calgary Stampede and the Contestant Agreement is executed by the Calgary Stampede upon the Calgary Stampede’s acceptance of the contestant’s entry. Contestant Agreement must be signed and received by the Calgary Stampede prior to end of established grace period with PROCOM entry to be accepted.
- 1.3 Order of judgement for rulings will be addressed in the following order of document precedence: 2024 Calgary Stampede Contestant Agreement, then 2024 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, then 2024 Calgary Stampede Ground Rules, then Rodeo Rules. RODEO RULES refers to the PRCA Rulebook that will be in effect for the bareback riding, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, and tie- down roping events; whereas the WPRA Rule Book will be in effect for the ladies barrel racing event.
- 1.4 Contestants agree to abide by all posted premises rules and regulations of the Calgary Stampede.
- 1.5 The “Arena” includes the Rodeo Arena proper, the Bucking chutes, contestant walkway, Timed-Event chutes and Presentation areas including main grandstand stage.
- 1.6 1.6 Contestants should be aware that the Calgary Stampede Rodeo is a family event. Contestants will perform in a manner that is suitable for a family audience. Contestants will be mindful that the Rodeo Arena is covered by video cameras and microphones, with screens and monitors projecting the rodeo

throughout the Rodeo Arena and grandstands.

- 1.7 Any contestant causing damage to Calgary Stampede facilities and/or properties, and/or other facilities and/or property that are provided in association with the Calgary Stampede, will be liable for costs associated with repairs.
- 1.8 The Arena Director will have final say in the arena on all matters related to production and procedure.
- 1.9 Contestants will be supplied with Back Numbers specific to each event. Contestants must wear their assigned back number for each event – trading back numbers is NOT allowed. A contestant will be fined \$250.00 for not wearing their assigned back number. Back numbers must be worn at all times in the ARENA as described above.
- 1.10 The ARENA and Infield facilities are Non-Smoking.
- 1.11 No family members (including children), guests, escorts, etc., will be allowed in chute or arena areas.
- 1.12 All competitors will ensure their participation and the participation of any and all individuals associated with them are familiar with the 2024 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice.
- 1.13 Stampede Officials shall in their absolute discretion have the right at any time to add or adjust a Rule or Rules in order to clarify or address a circumstance or action not previously outlined or contemplated in the existing 2024 Calgary Stampede Rodeo Ground Rules.

## 2.0 QUALIFICATIONS:

- 2.1 SB, BB, TD, SW - The Calgary Stampede will invite thirty (30) contestants: Top Five (5) from the 2023 CPRA final standings (drop-down until filled); Top fifteen (15) from the 2023 PRCA World Standings (no drop down); Top ten (10) from the PRCA Current Year Standings as of May 7, 2024 not already qualified (drop-down until filled). BR - The Calgary Stampede will invite thirty (30) contestants: Top Four (4) from the 2023 CPRA final standings (drop-down until filled); Top fifteen (15) from the 2023 PRCA Final Standings (no drop down); Five (5) Exemptions at the discretion of the Calgary Stampede; Top six (6) from the PRCA Current Year Standings as of May 7, 2024 not already qualified (drop-down until filled). LBR – The Calgary Stampede will invite thirty (30) contestants: Top four (4) from the 2023 CPRA final standings (drop-down until filled); Top fifteen (15) from the 2023 WPRA Pro Rodeo final standings (no drop down); Top five (5) from the WPRA Current Year standings as of April 1, 2024 not already qualified (drop down until filled); Top two (2) from the 2024 WPRA Regional Event Qualifier not already qualified (drop down until filled); Top four (4) from the 2024 CS Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier not already qualified (drop down until filled).
- 2.2 LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING will be held Tuesday, July 9 in the Nutrien Western Event Centre

(NWECC) on Stampede Park. Performance time is 6:30 pm MST. Ground Rules posted as own event.

2.3 TEAM ROPING will be held Wednesday, July 10 in the Nutrien Western Event Centre (NWECC) on Stampede Park. Performance time is 6:30 pm MST. Ground Rules posted as own event.

2.4 Top 15 2023 PRCA/WPRA positions will be filled based on 2023 PRCA/WPRA World Standings - should any Top 15 contestant(s) not enter and sign their contestant agreement, remaining position(s) will be filled in order of the 2024 PRCA World Standings as of May 7, 2024, and WPRA Pro Rodeo World Standings as of April 1, 2024.

2.5 Should there be a tie for the final qualifying spot(s) in the PRCA, CPRA or WPRA, the tie will be broken in favor of those with the highest total money won in the applicable 2023 regular season of the association for the contestants so tied. (i.e. if two contestants were tied for the final PRCA/WPRA position - Money won in the 2023 PRCA/WPRA Regular season will break the tie.)

2.6 All contestants competing at the 2024 Calgary Stampede in Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping, and Ladies Barrel Racing must be PRCA/WPRA members in good standing. Notwithstanding in any event of the qualification structure outlined above, the Calgary Stampede reserves the right in its sole and unfettered discretion to not issue or retract an invitation to any Rodeo Contestant. Contestant will be required to complete the Calgary Stampede Contestant Agreement for entry to be accepted. Member must be in good standing with PRCA/WPRA by signed Contestant Agreement deadline.

2.7 REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES: Calgary Stampede management will make best efforts to ensure that all positions within each Pool of rodeo are filled with ten contestants per event.

### 3.0 ENTRIES

#### 3.1 Confirmation of Entry

3.1.1 Qualified Contestants must submit a signed copy of provided Calgary Stampede Contestant Agreement to Calgary Stampede designated official by deadline noted in agreement. By signing and submitting agreement to the Calgary Stampede, Contestant is acknowledging and consenting that The Calgary Stampede will confirm their entry to the 2024 Calgary Stampede Rodeo with the PRCA (PROCOM).

3.1.2 If a contestant does not sign their contestant agreement by contract deadline, their position will be filled by Calgary Stampede officials from contestants in order of the qualification process. Contestants will receive an email link to sign their Calgary Stampede Contestant Agreement.

3.1.3 Contestants qualifying from prior year standings may not defer their qualification to current year.

3.2 No Entry Fees will be paid by any contestant competing at the 2024 Calgary Stampede. All prize money is added by the Calgary Stampede.

3.3 After June 14, 2024 all unfilled positions will become Calgary Stampede Qualified Positions.

#### 4.0 TURNOUTS, VISIBLES AND DOCTOR RELEASES

4.1 All Turnouts and doctor release must be done through Procom. Turnouts and doctor releases received by Procom by the 30- hour deadline will be replaced (if replacements are available) by the Calgary Stampede. After the 30-hour deadline, turnouts and doctor releases will be replaced by Calgary Stampede management if replacements are available.

Contestant Substitutions within each pool will not be allowed once the first go-round starts.

4.2 If a contestant receives a Visible Injury for a performance, they will not be allowed to compete in the next performance of their Pool. The contestant will be eligible for advancement. Any contestant who doctor releases will be eligible for advancement as long as they competed in the first go-round of their pool. If contestant Visible Injury releases out of a performance, and is found to have competed at another rodeo in the event they released out of on the days they were committed to compete at the Calgary Stampede, they will be considered a turnout and will be ineligible from competing at the Calgary Stampede Rodeo for two (2) years.

4.3 Requests for “approved” release of the Contestant Agreement (to include medical and hardship) will be handled on a case by case basis by the Calgary Stampede and each case will be evaluated on its merit and substantiation. All such decision by the Calgary Stampede are final and binding.

4.4 If a contestant who enters the Calgary Stampede turns out of any performance, that contestant will be in breach of the Contestant Agreement and will be ineligible to compete in any Calgary Stampede event in 2025 and 2026. Non-Notified turn-outs will receive an additional \$250 fine.

4.5 Contestants must compete in the first go-round of their Pool in order to continue participating in the Calgary Stampede.

4.6 All contestants competing in a performance must give an honest effort. If it is determined by a unanimous vote of all Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials 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, and (ii) assessed a fine of \$1,000. For the purposes of this ground rule, whether a contestant gives an honest effort will be determined as follows:

- 4.6.1 Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding: 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 Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials rule the contestant was fouled coming out of the chute) shall automatically be deemed to not have given an honest effort. Specifically, the bareback riding contestant must have his hand in the riggin' and be 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 passes the plane of the chute gate; and the bull riding contestant must have his hand in bull rope with wrap taken and be 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 Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials to determine whether a contestant has given an honest effort. In making this determination, Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete his ride.
- 4.6.2 Tie-down roping, Steer Wrestling: In the timed events a contestant who fails to ride, using the appropriate equipment, his horse across the score line (unless the Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials rule he was fouled leaving the box) shall automatically be deemed to have not given an honest effort. Once the contestant has ridden his horse across the score line, it is the sole responsibility of the Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials to determine whether a contestant has given an honest effort. In making this determination, Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to complete the event and record a time.
- 4.6.3 Ladies Barrel Race: In the barrel race, a contestant who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, her horse through the electric eyes (unless the Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials 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 Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials to determine whether a contestant has given an honest effort. In making this determination, Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials should consider whether the contestant has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a time at race



speed.

## 5.0 COMPETITION FORMAT:

5.1 There will be three Pools formed from the qualified contestants as follows: Pool A - July 5 - 7, 2024. Pool B - July 8 - 10 2024. Pool C - July 11 - 13, 2024.

5.1.1 Trade Deadline – 5:00 p.m. mtn time, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Trades must be submitted to PROCOM to be considered.

5.1.2 Each contestant will compete each of the three (3) days of his/her pool. Each day will be a complete go-round.

5.1.3 The top four (4) in the Money standings from each Pool will advance to the Semi-Finals on Showdown Sunday. There will be no average payout. Should there be a tie for the fourth position - the contestant with the most money won in any go-round will break the tie. If a tie still exists the highest score or fastest time in any of the go-rounds will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant having the highest total score or fastest total time from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists, the judges will draw from the contestants so tied to determine which one will compete in the Semi- Finals.

5.2 Day 10 - Semi-Finals & Showdown Sunday, July 14.

5.2.1 Semi-Finals:

5.2.1.1 No Scores will be carried forward to the Semi-Finals. (Except for tie- breakers as noted below).

5.2.1.2 The Semi-Finals contestants will consist of the top four (4) money winners from Pool A, top four (4) money winners from Pool B and the top four (4) money winners from Pool C. Each contestant will compete once.

5.2.1.3 If all twelve (12) contestants fail to make a qualified ride or run in any event in the Semi-Finals – the top four (4) money earners from pool competition will advance. Should there be a tie for the fourth position - the contestant with the most money won in any round from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists the highest score or fastest time in any round from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant having the highest total score or fastest total time from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists, the judges will draw from the contestants so tied to determine who will compete in the Showdown.

## 5.2.2 Showdown:

5.2.2.1 No Scores/Times will be carried forward to the Showdown. (Except for tie-breakers as noted below).

5.2.2.2 The top four contestants in each event from the Semi-Finals will advance to the Showdown. Should there be a tie for the fourth position - the contestant with the most money won in their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant with the most money won in any round in their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists the highest score or fastest time in any round from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists the contestant having the highest total score or fastest total time from their pool will break the tie. If a tie still exists, the judges will draw from the contestants so tied to determine who will compete in the Showdown.

5.2.2.3 If there are fewer than four (4) qualified rides or runs in any event, only those contestants with a qualified ride or run in the Semi-Finals will advance to the Showdown.

5.2.2.4 The Calgary Stampede Champion will be the contestant with the highest score or fastest time in that event in the Showdown round. If a tie exists, for the Champion position, contestants so tied will compete on a maximum of one (1) additional head of stock or runs to break the tie. If a tie still exists - contestants so tied will be declared Co- Champions, will split the places money evenly and each will receive a trophy bronze.

5.2.2.5 The Showdown contestants will ride/ run in the Showdown round from lowest score to highest score in SB, BB & BR; and from longest time to fastest time in TDR, SW; and fastest time to longest time in LBR based on the Semi- Finals scores/times.

5.2.2.6 If there are no qualified rides or runs in the Showdown round of an event each contestant will compete once more in the tie-breaker round.

5.2.2.6.1 In roughstock events: Contestants will be timed in this (tie- breaker) round. If all contestants again fail to qualify, the winner will be the contestant with the highest score from the Semi-Finals. If a tie exists from the Semi-Finals, the contestant riding the longest in the tie-breaker will be declared the Champion. If a tie still exists, contestants so tied will be declared Co-

Champions, will split the places money, and each will receive a trophy bronze.

5.2.2.6.2 In timed events, if all contestants fail to qualify in this (tie-breaker) round, the winner will be the contestant with the fastest time from the Semi-Finals. If a tie exists from the Semi-Finals, contestants so tied will be declared Co-Champions, will split the places money and each will receive a trophy bronze.

5.2.2.7 All contestants will be ranked from 1 - 12 on the day for payouts.

## 6.0 EVENT DRAWS:

6.1 Timed Event Draws - Order will be drawn July 4 at 1:00 PM for the first round of Pool A. All other Order draws will be conducted immediately following the performance for the next day's round. All Order draws will be done by the designated RODEO OFFICIALS and the Calgary Stampede Rodeo SECRETARY. TDR/SW – The competition order of the first go-round of each pool will be randomly drawn by the rodeo officials. The draw order will be the same as competition order for the first go round of each pool. Second go round will be reverse order of the first go-round, and third go round will be a random draw. LBR - First go round will be a random draw, second go-round will be reverse order of the first go-round, and third go-round will be a random draw.

6.2 Roughstock will be drawn July 4 at 1:00 PM for the first round of Pool A. All other Stock draws will be conducted immediately following the performance for the next day's round. All stock draws will be done by the designated RODEO OFFICIALS and the Calgary Stampede Rodeo SECRETARY. The first-round draw of each Pool will be a double random draw of both the contestant and the stock. Each subsequent draw will be a stock draw based on money won in the immediate previous round by each contestant followed by scores earned by contestants in that round, followed by non-qualified rides in order of appearance on the day sheet in that round. Draw order of tied contestants will be determined by random draw by the rodeo officials.

## 7.0 RIDING EVENTS:

7.1 The following Roughstock rules will apply:

7.1.1 Contestants must be ready when called. "Ready when called" is defined as: Bareback - Contestant must be over the horse when previous horse leaves the arena. Saddle Bronc - 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. Bull Riding - Contestant must

be pulling rope as the previous bull is leaving the arena. Failure to be ready when called in all Roughstock events will result in a \$250 fine, doubling with each offense.

In the event that the judge determines that a rider is taking excessive time in the chute, the judge will provide a verbal warning to the rider and place him "on the clock". The Contestant will have: 30 seconds from the time of the warning to call for the animal. In the event that the Contestant does not call for the animal in the 30 seconds allotted them, the rider will be disqualified. Any and all disqualifications will be at the discretion of the judges. In addition to disqualification, a rider who is disqualified for Excessive Time in the Chute will be fined \$250 for the first offence. Fines will double each offense. In the event that a bull rider is placed "On the Clock" and chooses to repull the bull rope, they must do so and call for the bull within the 30 seconds allotted or they will be disqualified in accordance with the Excessive Time in the Chute rule.

7.1.2 If a Roughstock contestant exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure or animal problems, he will receive a \$250.00, doubling with each offense. Continued delay in taking stock can result in disqualification as per the PRCA Rule Book.

7.2 All roughstock animals for all rounds of competition will be selected by the Calgary Stampede Rodeo management.

7.3 If a drawn animal is turned out for any reason, that animal will become the first re-ride.

7.4 The contestants and OFFICIALS will select Showdown animals in the arena as directed from a pool of minimum six (6) animals. Contestants will select in order of Semi-Finals scores (highest to lowest).

7.5 Re-rides, extras and tiebreaker order will be pre-set by Calgary Stampede Officials.

7.6 Any and all re-rides granted must be taken during the same performance, during that respective event, unless communicated otherwise by the Arena Director. (a) In the event that there are more re-rides granted than there are re-ride animals, the remaining contestants who have not received a re-ride, will be drawn a re-ride from a pool of identified animals to be taken in the next performance, prior to their drawn position.

7.7 Scoring: Four judges will be used. The four (4) judges sub-totals will be added together. (a) Two (2) judges will solely score/mark the spur (rider), and the other two judges will solely score the stock performance. In each of the roughstock events 1 judge will be positioned behind the chutes to officiate all chute procedures.

7.8 Contestants will not be disqualified for failing to spur-out a horse. The judges can reward for spurring-out a horse.

7.9 BR – All spurs and rowels will be inspected prior to each performance by CS Officials and Official Rodeo Judge. Any rowel deemed too sharp and or has been altered in any way, including without limitation in a manner whereby it appears unsafe it will be deemed Illegal Equipment. Contestants will be required then to change their rowel prior to competing. Any contestant found to have competed using anything other than inspected rowels in the Bull Riding will be disqualified from round(s) that the offense occurred. Multiple offense may result in disqualification from all rounds.

7.10 All other rules issues pertaining to Bareback, Saddle Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding will be governed by the PRCA RULE BOOK.

7.11 All Events: The penalty for unnecessary roughness to any animal will be a \$1,000.00 fine for the 1st offence, a \$1,500.00 fine for the 2nd offence, a 3rd offence will result in disqualification from the rodeo.

7.12 Calgary Stampede reserves the right to have blood and/or urine samples collected and tested from any animal used in the Calgary Stampede Rodeo.

7.13 A Contestant can compete on the same animal in the Semi-Finals or Finals go-round.

## 8.0 TIMED EVENTS:

8.1 The Following Tie-Down Roping rules will apply:

8.1.1 The six second rule will not be in effect. Once time is called and the contestant has taken one step towards his horse and maintains a forward motion towards his horse, a three second time will start. The calf must remain tied during this three second time period. To clarify, a legal tie must consist of three legs crossed, at least one wrap around all three legs and a hooley.

8.1.2 Contestant causing a drag will result in a \$500 fine and a no time. Anything over 3 feet is considered a drag whether intentional or unintentional

8.1.3 A mishandling infraction will result in a no time. A mishandling infraction occurs when the calf does not keep one foot in contact with the ground until the completion of the initial switch and lands on side, head or back. Initial switch is deemed complete when the calf has changed direction approximately 180 degrees and is facing the horse from the initial tightening of the rope. If the animal goes to the ground following the completion of a legal initial switch, no disqualification will result.

8.1.4 For a catch to be legal, the bell collar catch only at the point of completion of the switch or stop of forward motion. If roper assists in any way the removal of the foul catch to a bell

collar, catch will be considered foul and roper will be disqualified from that go-round.

If catch changes to a bell collar catch organically with no assistance from the roper prior to completion of switch or stop of forward motion, catch will be considered legal.

8.1.5 Obvious injury: If a calf, in the judge's discretion, exhibits an obvious injury during competition, the contestant will be flagged out and receive either a re-run or if in the judge's discretion, the injury was caused by the contestant, a no time.

8.1.6 Tie-Down Roping contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designee. If a contestant exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure or a problem with the competition animal in the timed event chute in the opinion of the judges, he will receive a \$250 fine. For every 20 seconds over the 45 second limit the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant exceeds two minutes in the box it will result in disqualification from the round.

8.1.7 All other rules will be enforced as per the 2024 PRCA rulebook.

8.2 The Following Steer Wrestling rules will apply:

8.2.1 An automatic no time will be given to a contestant if a steer "dog falls". If a steer "dog falls", the contestant must release the steer immediately and assist the animal in recovering from the fall by turning the steer's head so it may stand up. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification from competition. A dog fall occurs when the hip of the steer falls in the opposite direction of the intended throw. Should that hip come into contact with any other part of the steer or the ground it will result in a no time.

8.2.2 Obvious injury: If a steer, in the judge's discretion, exhibits an obvious injury during competition, the contestant will be flagged out and receive either a re-run or if in the judge's discretion, the injury was caused by the contestant, a no time.

8.2.3 Steer Wrestling contestants must take their stock within 60 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designate. If a contestant exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure or a problem with the competition animal in the timed event chute in the opinion of the judges, he will receive a \$250 fine. For every 20 seconds over the 60 second limit the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant exceeds two minutes in the box it will result in disqualification from the round.

8.2.4 Steer Wrestling splits will be completed by a Calgary Stampede assigned representative. Splits

must be approved by Calgary Stampede Officials.

8.2.5 All hazers must be designated and check- in with the Calgary Stampede rodeo secretary's office, prior to the performance to sign a (Non- Competitor) Release of Liability and obtain a hazing back number.

8.3 TDR and SW cattle may not compete in more than two (2) subsequent go rounds.

8.4 The pens of TDR and SW cattle for Showdown Sunday will be pre-set by designated OFFICIALS. Separate pens for the Semi- Finals (minimum of 14) and Showdown will be set.

8.5 In the Showdown a minimum of eight (8) TDR and SW animals will be set in drawn order of rotation of use in case of ties. In the case of a tie in the Showdown - Contestants so tied will compete on the pre-set animals, as set by designated OFFICIALS, in reverse order that they competed in the Showdown.

8.6 In the case of a rerun, for any reason deemed necessary by the officials, the extra will be used.

8.7 Timed Event stock - suitable numbered ear tags for all steers in the Steer Wrestling and calves used in the Tie Down Roping shall be mandatory; no duplicate numbers are permitted. Calves must weigh a minimum of 70kg and steers must weigh a minimum of 180kg. Cattle used must comply with Calgary Stampede Animal Care codes, Government of Alberta livestock brand requirements, CFIA Regulations and deemed fit to compete by the Calgary Stampede Official Veterinarian. All timed event animals for all rounds of competition will be selected by the Calgary Stampede Rodeo management.

8.8 A Contestant can compete on the same animal in the Semi-Finals or Finals go-round.

8.9 There will be a designated pusher in all timed events which will be approved by CS Rodeo Management. No contestant helpers allowed.

8.10 All other rules will be enforced as per the 2024 PRCA rulebook.

## 9.0 LADIES BARREL RACING

9.1 The following Ladies Barrel Racing rules will apply:

9.1.1 Ladies Barrel racers must begin their run within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designate. A verbal warning will be provided 15 seconds prior to expiration of the time limit. If the contestant exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure, she will receive a fine of \$250. For every 20 seconds over the 45 second limit the fine will be

progressively doubled.

- 9.1.2 On days 1 – 9 the ground will be worked after the fifth run as conditions allow. In the Semi-Final round, the ground will be worked after the sixth run.
- 9.1.3 Equine drug testing for Ladies Barrel Racing will be administered and governed by the Calgary Stampede and the Calgary Stampede may in its discretion, refer to the WPRA Equine Medications and Prohibited Substances Policy. Calgary Stampede will be responsible for all testing processes and related procedures, including, but not limited to, veterinarian/tester selection, sampling protocols, lab selection, chain of custody, and obtaining test results from the lab.
- 9.1.4 During the 2024 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Race the following parameters will be used to determine the horses to be tested in accordance with the CS Animal Care Code of Practice, and the following Ground Rules:
- 9.1.4.1 All go-round winners may be tested.
- 9.1.4.2 All horses that finish in the top four of the semi-final round or horses that run in the Showdown round will be tested.
- 9.1.4.3 Barrel Racers with a violation of the WPRA Equine Drugs and Medications Policy at any previous Calgary Stampede on or after 2016 may be selected for testing.
- 9.1.4.4 Additional samples may be collected at random as provided by the 2024 WPRA Equine Drugs and Medications rules.
- 9.1.5 Contestants are responsible to notify Calgary Stampede OSV prior to competing of **any** existing WPRA Equine Medications and Prohibited Substance Declaration in place at time of competition.
- 9.1.6 The Calgary Stampede will directly notify a Responsible Member of a positive test result. Calgary Stampede will not release a contestant's prize money prior to receiving a negative test result. Within a reasonable period after the conclusion of the 2024 Calgary Stampede rodeo, Calgary Stampede will release final results and earnings for the Ladies Barrel Race reflecting any disqualifications and redistributions.
- 9.1.6.1 In the event the chemical analysis of Blood or Urine Sample A is positive, and upon issuance of penalties under 9.1.7 of the CS Ground Rules, a Responsible Member objecting to such penalties may request a confirmatory analysis of the corresponding



Blood or Urine Sample B. An appeal or request for confirmatory analysis of sample B must be requested in writing to CS Management within 72 hours of being notified by CS Officials of positive test. At Appellant's expense, sample B will be retested by a mutually agreed upon referee lab. Appellant must have process, including receipt of sample by referee lab, completed by 21 calendar days from initial communication to Responsible Member of positive test. If timelines for sample B confirmatory analysis are exceeded by Responsible Member, the initial judgement will stand.

9.1.7 A positive drug test result may result in a fine issued by the Calgary Stampede and certain penalties issued by Calgary Stampede, as follows:

9.1.7.1 Calgary Stampede Penalties and Fines: In the event of any positive drug test result, Calgary Stampede may issue any or all of the following penalties and/or fines as determined by Calgary Stampede in its sole discretion. Classification of identified prohibited substance will be in accordance with the WPRA Medications and Prohibited Substances Policy in consultation with the Association of Racing Commissioners International guidelines:

- Class 1: (i) a fine up to \$8,000 (ii) Prohibition from competition at the next Calgary Stampede for which the Responsible Member qualifies and/or (iii) Disqualification from the 2024 Calgary Stampede rodeo and redistribution of prize money. If the Responsible Member is disqualified for a Class 1 positive drug test result, all prize money won by the disqualified Responsible Member during the entirety of the 2024 Calgary Stampede rodeo will be redistributed in each round in which the disqualified Responsible Member competed and won prize money.
- Class 2: (i) a fine of up to \$5,500 (ii) Prohibition from competition at the next Calgary Stampede for which the Responsible Member qualifies and/or (iii) Disqualification from the go-round with a Class 2 positive drug test result and redistribution of prize money for that go-round.
- Class 3: (i) a fine of up to \$1,000
- Class 4: a fine of up to \$500
- More than one NSAID in a blood or urine sample: (i) a fine of up to \$2,000 (ii) Disqualification from the go-round with a positive test result for more than one NSAID

and redistribution of prize money for that go-round.

#### 9.1.8 Disqualification and Redistribution

9.1.8.1 All results will remain unofficial until all appeals and /or judgements are final. When a contestant is disqualified from a go-round they will be declared unplaced and prize money will be redistributed to the highest placing contestant(s) until all paid positions are filled for that go-round.

9.1.8.2 Disqualification from the Showdown Round or Semi-Finals Round will result in the remaining money being paid to the qualified contestants in said go-round as ground money. Ground money as outlined here will not count toward World Standings.

9.1.8.3 When a contestant is disqualified from the rodeo they will be declared unplaced and prize money in each go-round that they placed in will be redistributed to the highest placing contestant(s) until all paid positions are filled with the exception of the semi-finals and finals, which will result in ground money being paid.

9.1.9 For purposes of payout and redistribution, Semi-Finals and Showdown are treated as separate go-rounds.

#### 10.0 PAYOUTS AND PAYOUT PROCEDURES:

10.1 Total Purse is \$1,855,500 (Canadian Funds).

10.2 There are no entry fees.

10.3 Pool A, B, and C Go Round Payout (Days 1 - 9) \$23,250 per event Go Round. 1st - \$7,000.00; 2nd - \$5,500.00; 3rd - \$4,500.00; 4th - \$3,250.00; 5th - \$2,000.00; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$1,000.00. 70% of the money won in Pools A, B and C will count towards 2024 PRCA World standings for BB, SB, BR, TDR and SW. 70% of the money won in Pools A, B and C will count towards 2024 WPRA World standings for LBR.

10.4 Semi-Finals and Showdown (Day 10) - \$600,000 total payout - \$100,000 per event

10.4.1 All contestants competing on Showdown Sunday will earn a cheque. Contestants competing in the Semi-Finals round and not advancing to the Showdown round will be paid 5<sup>th</sup> - \$3,000.00; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$2,500.00; 7<sup>th</sup> - \$2,000.00; 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> - \$1,000.00 each. 1st - \$50,000.00 Showdown; 2nd - \$20,000.00 Showdown; 3rd - \$10,000.00 Showdown; 4th - \$7,500.00 Showdown. 50% of 1st place from the Showdown round will count toward 2024 PRCA World Standings for BB, SB, BR, TDR and SW.

10.4.2 When less than four contestants compete in Showdown there will be ground money paid in the

Showdown round.

10.4.3 For purposes of payout and redistribution, Semi-Finals and Showdown are treated as separate go-rounds

10.4.4 Any contestants tied for money places will evenly split the place monies so tied.

10.4.5 All monies earned at the Calgary Stampede will count in the 2024 PRCA World standings, except for ground money (exception bull riding, per PRCA Rule R5.5.3), 30% of the money won in Pool A, B and C, and 50% of first place of the Showdown Round for BB, SB, BR, TDR and SW. All monies earned at the Calgary Stampede will count in the 2024 WPRA World standings, except for ground money, and 30% of the money won in Pool A, B and C for LBR.

10.4.6 The Calgary Stampede will produce the rodeo payoff by July 24th. All prize money will be paid by direct deposit from the Calgary Stampede. This will require a direct deposit form to be filled out and emailed to the Calgary Stampede prior to July 1. In the circumstances that complete Contestant Information, including banking information is not received by July 1, contestant will be at risk of delayed earnings payout.

10.4.7 Any fines assessed to a contestant will be deducted from total payout at the conclusion of the event. If fines exceed amount the contestants has earned, the contestant will be responsible to pay directly to the Calgary Stampede.

10.5 PRCA Rule R5.5.3.1 will not be in effect

## 11.0 Performance Rules

11.1 Contestant Meeting – Contestants are required to attend their assigned contestant meeting where they will receive their back number and further information.

11.1.1 LBR contestants will meet in the Ag & Western Events office on the first day of their pool at 8:00 am MST.

11.1.2 TDR & SW contestants will meet at the Timed Event chutes in the CS Rodeo Arena on the first day of their pool – Pre Rodeo Time TBC

11.1.3 BB, SB & BR contestants will meet in the Rodeo Contestant Hosting Area on the first day of their pool – Pre Rodeo Time TBC

11.2 Contestants will receive the following accreditation: One (1) Contestant pass – good for Gate and Infield admission; One (1) Companion pass – good for Gate and Infield admission; One (1) Infield companion ticket for each performance for the Pool they will be competing in. One (1) Companion ticket per contestant

will be available for Showdown Sunday for contestants competing (additional contestant tickets will be available at a nominal charge for each performance for contestants up that day on a first come basis);  
Parking for One (1) vehicle in a designated Stampede lot.

11.3 Steer Wrestling Contestants are to report the name of their hazer to the CS RODEO OFFICE by June 21 so that we may arrange accreditation. Hazers will need to have a signed waiver on file with the Rodeo Office before receiving the following accreditation: One (1) Contestant pass – good for Gate and Infield admission; Parking for One (1) vehicle in a designated Stampede lot.

11.4 Association memberships, regardless of the association, will not grant the holder access to the Calgary Stampede.

11.5 Advertising, Sponsorship & Broadcast Rights

11.5.1 All advertising, sponsorship and broadcast rights and the exposure related thereto lie with and are owned by the Calgary Stampede.

11.5.2 No contestant will have rights or access to the broadcast – either in whole or in part – produced at the 2024 STAMPEDE. All footage remains the property of the Calgary Stampede and its licensed broadcast partners. If a contestant wishes to purchase video copies (for non-broadcast use) of his/her rides a request must be submitted to the Calgary Stampede following the 2024 STAMPEDE and all costs will be the responsibility of the contestant.

11.6 Appearances

11.6.1 All contestants are required to attend their assigned Contestant Meeting for their Pool: Pool A - July 5, Pool B - July 8, and Pool C - July 11 (Location and time TBA)

11.6.2 All contestants will be provided back numbers at check-in. It is expected that the contestants will participate in all scheduled public appearances. Appearances may also include grand entry, victory laps, autograph sessions and stage ceremonies.

11.6.3 Exemptions for failing to attend a scheduled appearance, including victory lap, autograph session or stage introduction will be limited to physical injury or illness (including contestant horses). Any medical exemption must be notified to the CS RODEO OFFICE prior to the event, so affected, if possible.

11.6.4 Failing to attend any appearance without an exemption will result in a \$250.00 fine per incident. All fines must be paid prior to competing in the next go-round.



**RODEO**

**ANIMAL CARE**

**CODE OF PRACTICE**

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## **SECTION 1.**

### **1.1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The wellbeing of animals participating in events at the Calgary Stampede must be safeguarded. It is essential that there is clear understanding and acceptance of responsibilities by all Stampede personnel, volunteers, competitors, exhibitors and stock providers.

The care of animals for competition, exhibition or education at the Calgary Stampede requires both experience and the observation of accountable standards. Unless that work is done well, the wellbeing of the animals cannot be adequately protected. Our guiding principles and practices are intended to ensure all those responsible for their implementation accept responsibility for the husbandry, care and handling outlined in the Animal Care Code of Practice.

The Calgary Stampede will keep current on regulatory policy and guidelines by meeting with various organizations and associations as needed and monitoring industry information related to animal care.

The Calgary Stampede will ensure the ongoing maintenance of its Codes of Practice to create an environment that results in the respect and care of our animals.

The Calgary Stampede is competent to handle and care for all the species of animals on Stampede Park and will only employ stock handlers who are competent to handle and care for those animals.

The Calgary Stampede will ensure that people who have responsibilities in the organization for the production of events are experienced to ensure that animal wellbeing needs are met.

### **1.2. REGULATORY**

Responsible management of our animals and their care at the Calgary Stampede is assured with guidance and/or regulatory frameworks from organizations such as: Alberta Animal Protection Act, Livestock Identification Services, Alberta Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Alberta SPCA, Calgary Humane Society, AFAC, International Association of Fairs & Expositions, Canadian Association of Fair and Exhibitions, as well as several specie specific organizations that sanction various Calgary Stampede competitions.

### **1.3. AUTHORITY**

The Calgary Stampede retains the right to dismiss, fine and/or suspend anyone not conforming to the Stampede's rules, conditions and codes of practice.

The Calgary Stampede has the ultimate and final authority on all matters of disciplinary action resulting in the mistreatment of any animals.

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## COMMON STANDARDS

### 1.4. Official Stampede Veterinarians (OSV)

- 1.4.1 The OSV reports to Calgary Stampede Management and is responsible for providing expert advice on the health, injury or disease status of an animal and its suitability for competition.
- 1.4.2 The OSV will be experienced in treating all species of animals participating in events on Stampede Park.
- 1.4.3 The OSV will be the sole arbiter on issues of animal wellbeing.
- 1.4.4 The OSV will be responsible for the accreditation approval of "licensed veterinarians" to practice on Stampede Park.
- 1.4.5 All Accredited veterinarians must be in good standing with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (AbVMA)
- 1.4.6 The Agriculture Official Stampede Veterinarian (AOSV) operates under the direction and guidance of the OSV. The AOSV oversee all animal care and incidents involving animals on display or competing within Agriculture.
- 1.4.7 The Calgary Stampede takes great care for animal welfare. In addition to existing drug and equine medication policies in place, drug testing may be conducted at any time for any animal who has competed or is scheduled to compete. It is at the discretion of Calgary Stampede Management or the Official Stampede Veterinarian.
- 1.4.8 The OSV, AOSV and/or Calgary Stampede approved Accredited Veterinarians (AV) will complete a record of injuries and other defects, including treatment & medication in the Animal Care Treatment Log. All licensed veterinarians who have been approved by the OSV and accredited by the Calgary Stampede, must record all veterinary treatment provided by the veterinarian or by the person acting under the veterinarian's supervision and control, on forms supplied by the Calgary Stampede.
  - 1.4.8.1 The treatment log must include:
    - (a) the name of the licensed veterinarian and any person acting under the veterinarian's supervision and control
    - (b) the name and identification of the animal to which veterinary treatment is provided by tattoo number, brand or description, including name, markings, colour, age, sex and microchip
    - (c) name of the owner
    - (d) party responsible for billing and billing information
    - (e) the location, date and time, and the nature of the treatment, prescription or administration
    - (f) the identification of the drug or medication by generic name and dosage prescribed or administered
    - (g) circumstances, if applicable, that may have contributed to the reported condition including if it was a preexisting condition
    - (h) The health/condition of the animals should be followed up on when applicable and animals only allowed back into competition when approved by the OSV
  - 1.4.8.2 Copies of all Animal Care Treatment Log must be made available and delivered to the Calgary Stampede or the OSV(s) on a daily basis to a place specified by the Calgary Stampede.

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**1.5. Alberta SPCA/Calgary Humane Society**

- 1.5.1 The Calgary Stampede and/or the Official Stampede Veterinarian (OSV) will provide complete and unrestricted access to peace officers of the Alberta SPCA and/or Calgary Humane Society during all events held on Stampede Park.
- 1.5.2 The Calgary Stampede and the OSV will enforce the CS Code of Practice for the wellbeing of all animals and will work in unity with the Alberta SPCA and/or Calgary Humane Society to ensure animal care is accountable.

**1.6. Rodeo Contestants**

- 1.6.1 The Calgary Stampede, its personnel, contractors, contestants, competitors and exhibitors will clearly understand and accept their responsibilities. All people involved with and participating in Stampede events will be familiar with the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, where applicable.
- 1.6.2 All contestants will comply with the requirements of the Calgary Stampede's Animal Care Code of Practice by acknowledging and signing in writing.
- 1.6.3 Each contestant is responsible for the animals he or she uses during an event and must comply with all applicable sections of the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice.
- 1.6.4 Contestants must not intentionally treat animals in a way that is disrespectful and/or causes or potentially causes injury or harm. Violation of the Calgary Stampede's Animal Care Code of Practice could result in disqualification from the event.

**1.7. Participation of Animals**

- 1.7.1 Any animal that is deemed unfit by the OSV will not be permitted to participate.
- 1.7.2 If an animal becomes sick or injured between the time it is inspected and the time it is to participate, that animal will not be used.

**1.8. Care and Treatment of Animals at Stampede Events**

- 1.8.1 The OSV must be in attendance continuously from at least one hour before the start of the performance until one half hour after the completion of the last event.
- 1.8.2 The Calgary Stampede, its personnel volunteers, contractors, contestants, competitors and exhibitors will clearly understand and accept their responsibilities. All people involved with and participating in Stampede events will be familiar with the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice.
- 1.8.3 The Calgary Stampede, OSV, Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials, and Stampede Management will be empowered to discipline any person, including personnel, volunteers contestants and contractors who compromise the wellbeing of an animal.
  - a) Only qualified and experienced livestock handlers (three to five year stockhandling experience and must have the approval of either Ranch Manager or Manager of Western Events will undertake the preparation of animals for events
  - b) Livestock under the care of the CS will have access to fresh water (based upon participation schedule)
  - c) Livestock holding pens must have shavings or post peelings in place for bedding
- 1.8.4 Animals must be housed in appropriate pens and all loading/unloading chutes are to be safe and in compliance with the Health of Animals Act Part XII.
- 1.8.5 Stock should be removed from the arena immediately after completion of an event.



1.8.6 The OSV will check for any conditions that may affect the wellbeing of an animal prior to competition or participation in any event.

1.8.7 Electric Prods:

- a) Electric prods must be:
  - i) Used with restraint and only as an aid for loading bulls
  - ii) Used with restraint and only allowed on bulls
  - iii) applied to the rear quarters of the bull (hip area), in the lead up alleys to the chutes
- b) Electric Prods must not be used:
  - If a bull is loaded and standing in a closed chute
  - On any sensitive area including the anus, testicles or face
  - Applied multiple times or with aggression
  - On bulls in the arena while performing
  - On horses, steers or calves
  - To harass any animal
  - Must not be used in the bucking chutes

### **1.9. Injured Animal Protocol**

1.9.1 Injured animals must be attended to as soon as possible with veterinary attention being sought immediately.

1.9.2 The "animal down" procedure is activated if an animal requires assistance or removal from an event.

1.9.3 Animal care ambulances are on site for all Calgary Stampede events involving animals and the OSV is used for injury assessment and action in these situations.

1.9.4 The OSV shall solely be responsible for the expeditious and humane destruction of an animal.

1.9.5 Any animal that suffers a catastrophic musculoskeletal injury requiring euthanasia will be drug tested. Any animal that dies suddenly during the course of the event will be subject to a post-mortem examination and drug testing. The Calgary Stampede will incur the costs of these procedures, under the direction of the Official Stampede Veterinary Team.

### **Owner Information and Consent:**

- 1) In order to preserve the integrity of the Calgary Stampede and to promote the future safety of the animals participating therein, I hereby authorize the Calgary Stampede, or its duly appointed representatives including the Official Calgary Stampede Veterinary Team, to release the findings of any such post-mortem examination or drug testing involving any one of my animals to such parties as deemed fit by the Calgary Stampede in its sole discretion, after said results have been reported to me.
- 2) I certify that I am the owner/agent of the animals submitted for competition at the Calgary Stampede.
- 3) I consent to the remains of any animal being submitted for:
  - a) Necropsy and related pathology procedures, and/or;
  - b) Bacteriology, and/or;
  - c) Toxicology, and/or;
  - d) Drug testing, and/or;
  - e) Such other tests or examinations as deemed appropriate by the Official Calgary Stampede Veterinary Team.

- 4) I will provide to Calgary Stampede, in advance, detailed information on any horses that I will be using at the 2024 Calgary Stampede. Detailed information will include:
- Animal Name
  - Brand or Tattoo
  - Breed
  - Colour
  - Age
  - Sex

### **1.10. Infectious Disease**

Due to the number of animals on the grounds during this event, infectious disease is a concern. Any animal suspected of having an infectious disease should be isolated and examined by the OSV immediately. If an infectious disease is suspected, the OSV must be notified immediately by the competitor or the attending Accredited Veterinarian. Competitors must comply with prescribed isolation and quarantine protocols which may include removal from Stampede Park. Jurisdiction will be transferred to the Canadian Food and Inspection Agency (CFIA) in the case of reportable diseases (EIA, Foot and Mouth, Rabies, etc.)

## **SECTION 2.**

### **2.1. Competitor/Contractor Protocols**

- 2.1.1 All competitors/contractors will be aware of the requirements of the Calgary Stampede's Animal Care Code of Practice.
- 2.1.2 Each competitor/contractor is responsible for the animals he or she provides or uses during an event.
- 2.1.3 Competitor/contractor must comply with all relevant sections of the Animal Care Code of Practice.
- 2.1.4 Competitors/contractors who intentionally treat animals in a way that is disrespectful and/or cause injury or harm and are in violation of the Code of Practice will be disqualified from competition.
- 2.1.5 Competitors who fail to agree to the Animal Care Code of Practice by signing the competition entry form will not be permitted to compete at the Calgary Stampede.
- 2.1.6 No person participating in rodeo events will be under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs.
- 2.1.7 All contractors are representing the Calgary Stampede and therefore are expected to uphold all standards set forth in Code of Practice for Rodeo. Stock Contractors contracted for the Rodeo are responsible for the appropriate husbandry and handling of their rodeo stock. Stock Contractors will ensure:
- stock provided by them are in good health and are suitable for the purpose for which they are intended
  - all halters and flanks are in good working order and in compliance with the PRCA Rule Book
  - stock that is deemed unfit to compete is withdrawn from competition
  - all instructions of the OSV are implemented
  - cattle and horses are penned separately in the yards
  - aggressive stock are separated from other stock
  - animals incompatible by nature are not housed together
  - injured stock are treated appropriately and isolated and housed appropriately
  - No mares will be permitted to compete should they arrive on park with a foal at their side

## 2.2. **Fitness To Compete**

- 2.2.1 All rodeo animals must be examined by the OSV prior to the start of the event.
- 2.2.2 At the end of each event, the OSV will perform a visual inspection of each animal upon its exit from the arena.
- 2.2.3 Any animal which is deemed unfit to compete will not be permitted to perform, this will include any animal that is cut or bleeding.
- 2.2.4 If a rodeo animal becomes sick or injured between the time it is drawn and the time scheduled to compete, that animal will not be used and another animal will be drawn for the contestant.
- 2.2.5 Cattle with horns that are likely to cause injury to other animals must have the tips (the outer 2.5 cm) removed.
- 2.2.6 Freshly branded animals or brands not fully healed will not be accepted. All animals must comply to all Government of Alberta brand requirements
- 2.2.7 Rodeo animals must meet the following minimum weights:
  - Calves (tie down) – 70 kg
  - Steers (steer wrestling) – 180 kg
  - Steers (team roping) – 160 kg

## 2.3. **Arena and Gear**

The size of the arena, the grooming of the track and the condition of gear used are critical in protecting stock from injury. Careful planning and construction of arenas will make the handling and removal of stock from the arenas easier and will increase stock and contestant safety.

### 2.3.1 Arena:

- a) The arena should have a suitable, soil based surface, groomed to a depth of approximately 8-10 cm. Other surfaces may be used provided that they are well drained, providing a secure footing and be deemed as safe for the animals as an appropriate soil based surface.
- b) The arena must be of a size suitable for the events to take place and to minimize the likelihood of injurious contact with the perimeter fence.
- c) The construction height and appearance of arena fencing should discourage stock from attempting to push through the fence or jump over it. Fencing will be 6 feet high.
- d) Arena fences must be clearly visible and not appear open to the stock.

### 2.3.3 Gear:

- a) Before the rodeo commences, Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials must be satisfied that all gear and equipment to be used in a rodeo has been inspected to ensure that it meets all requirements of this standard.
- b) In Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Novice riding the spur rowel must be dull and must rotate smoothly.
- c) Bull Riding – Any rowel deemed too sharp and or has been altered in any way, including without limitation in a manner whereby it appears unsafe it will be deemed Illegal Equipment.
- d) Any object that may irritate the skin of an animal is not permitted in the cinch, saddle, flank strap, bareback rigging, halter or the braided rein attached to the halter.
- e) All roughstock will be inspected in the stripping chute for injury or abrasions.

## 2.4. **Specific Rodeo Events**

### 2.4.1 Saddle Bronc Riding / Novice Saddle Bronc

- a) The saddle must be correctly placed and fitted in order to avoid injury.
- b) There must be sufficient clearance under the gullet of the saddle to prevent rubbing or injury to the withers.
- c) The front cinch of the saddle must be of sufficient width to prevent cutting or chafing of the girth.
- d) The back cinch must not be so tight as to cause the horse to fall down.
- e) Flank straps must be of the quick release type with linings that are supple and in good condition. They must be placed on the animal in such way that the lined portion evenly overlies both flanks and the abdomen. Care must be taken to ensure that sand, grit and other abrasives do not accumulate in the lining of the flank strap.

### 2.4.2 Bareback Riding / Novice Bareback

- a) The girth on the bareback rigging must be wide enough to prevent chafing or cutting of the girth.
- b) Flank straps must be of the quick release type with linings that are supple and in good condition. They must be placed on the animal in such way that the lined portion evenly overlies both flanks and the abdomen. Care must be taken to ensure that sand, grit and other abrasives do not accumulate in the lining of the flank strap.
- c) Bareback pads must completely cover the inside of the rigging and are to extend a full 2 inches behind the rigging.

### 2.4.3 Bull Riding

- a) Equipment used for bull riding must be fitted so as to fall off the bull once the rider falls or dismounts.
- b) The equipment used should be a loose rope with or without a handhold.
- c) Flank straps must be of the quick release type with linings that are supple and in good condition. They must be placed on the animal in such way that the lined portion evenly overlies both flanks and the abdomen. Care must be taken to ensure that sand, grit and other abrasives do not accumulate in the lining of the flank strap. In the bull riding a soft cotton rope of at least 5/8" in diameter is acceptable as a flank strap and does not require lining.
- d) There should be no knots or hitches preventing the rope from falling from the animal after the contestant has been thrown or dismounted.

### 2.4.4 Tie Down Roping

- a) All reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure that calves are not mishandled during run.
- b) The contestant must adjust the rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf.
- c) A contestant will be disciplined if the rope horse drags the animal after it is roped and tied, whether intended or not. Penalty will be at judges' discretion.
- d) After the tie is completed and has been signaled, the roper must immediately remount and loosen the catch rope. Contestant is fined at judges' discretion.
- e) Ropes must be removed from the calf immediately after the tie is flagged.
- f) Preconditioned - All calves must be held by a neck rope, thrown and tied, prior to arrival at Stampede Park.
- g) All calves must be habituated to arena by being walked or run through the arena from the release chute to the catch pen the morning of their first day of competition. A contestant will be

disqualified on a run if an animal is jerked down, whether intended or not.

#### 2.4.5 Steer Wrestling

- a) The steer must not be knocked down or thrown before it is brought to a stop and the catch is made.
- b) An automatic no time will be given to a contestant if a steer "dog falls" (A dog fall occurs when the hip of the steer falls in the opposite direction of the intended throw. Should that hip come into contact with any other part of the steer or the ground.)
- c) If a steer "dog falls", the contestant must release the steer immediately and assist the animal in recovering from the fall by turning the steer's head so it may stand up. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification from competition.
- d) Preconditioned – all steers must have been run and thrown in a rodeo at least three times prior to the Calgary Stampede.
- e) All Steer Wrestling cattle to be used at the Calgary Stampede will be weighed and inspected for health and fitness, by the OSV.
- f) All animals must meet the Calgary Stampede weight requirements (min 180 kg)
- g) Cattle to be off feed and water by 8:00 a.m. on day of competition.

#### 2.4.6 Barrel Racing

- a) Barrels must not have sharp edges that can harm a horse.
- b) Horses cannot be struck on the neck or face with crop/whip.
- c) Harmful bits cannot be used on barrel horses.
- d) The use of bats and spurs and riding crops are allowed. Contestants will be fined \$100.00 for batting horse above the shoulder (above breast collar) at Judges' discretion.
- e) Contestants must adhere to the WPRA Equine Drugs and Medications Rules.

#### 2.4.7 Junior Steer Riding

- a) Equipment used for junior steer riding must be fitted so as to fall off the animal once the rider falls or dismounts.
- b) The equipment used should be a loose rope with or without a handhold.
- c) Flank straps must be of the quick release type with linings that are supple and in good condition. They must be placed on the animal in such way that the lined portion evenly overlies both flanks and the abdomen. Care must be taken to ensure that sand, grit and other abrasives do not accumulate in the lining of the flank strap. In the junior steer riding a soft cotton rope of at least 5/8" in diameter is acceptable as a flank strap and does not require lining.
- d) There should be no knots or hitches preventing the rope from falling from the animal after the contestant has been thrown or dismounted.
- e) Suitable cattle must be yearling steers, heifers or small cows, between seven hundred (700) to eleven hundred (1,100) pounds.

### SECTION 3.

#### 3.1 **Rodeo Contractors Livestock Transportation**

3.1.1 In Canada, the transportation of livestock is regulated by the **Health of Animals Regulations (HAR) Part XII**. It defines the conditions that must be met in order for the transport of animals to be considered humane, including animals being transported to and from the Calgary Stampede.

3.1.2 Examples of the provisions contained in Part XII include:

- the prohibition of overcrowding of animals during transport,
- prohibition of transportation of animals that are unfit to travel,
- carriers cannot load, transport or unload animals in a way that would cause injury or undue suffering,
- requirements for provision of food, water, and rest at specific intervals,
- protection from adverse weather and adequate ventilation,
- use of proper containers and transport vehicles, segregation of incompatible animals.

Full disclosure of these regulations can found at:

[https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_296/page-10.html#h-548075](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._296/page-10.html#h-548075)

**Per the HAR Part XII and the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Codes of practice for contract animals being transported to or from the Calgary Stampede**

### 3.2. **Vehicles**

- 3.2.1 All vehicles used to transport animals must provide a safe environment for animals.
- 3.2.2 All transport vehicles must have:
- a) proper flooring (stable and non-slip)
  - b) proper ventilation allowing for appropriate airflow.
  - c) adequate space for the species being transported is required for all modes
  - d) have enough clearance to ensure animals do not come in contact with the roof or deck while having a full range of head movement.
  - e) allow for easy and safe loading and unloading of animals.
  - f) all gates must swing freely and securely firmly shut.
  - g) have no sharp or protruding objects that can injure the animal.
  - h) protection from severe weather conditions.
  - i) be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

### 3.3 **Facilities**

- 3.3.1 All facilities used to load and/or unload animals will:
- a) be free of sharp or protruding objects that can injure an animal.
  - b) have non-slip flooring.
  - c) have no areas where animals can get their head or legs trapped.
  - d) if ramps are used, they should not exceed 30° and have cleats securely placed at 8" on center.

### 3.4 **Loading animals**

- 3.4.1 The trailer must be backed up, level and flush with the loading dock/ramp.
- 3.4.2 All animals must be fit for the journey. No injured or ill animals should be tendered for transport.
- 3.4.3 All animals must be allowed access to water before being loaded out from the Calgary Stampede.
- 3.4.4 Acceptable handling tools for loading include rattle paddles, flags and sorting sticks. Electric prods should only be utilized when all other acceptable methods have been utilized. Prods can only be used on cattle.
- 3.4.5 Animals must be loaded in a way that will not cause undue stress or injury.
- 3.4.6 Incompatible animals cannot be transported in the same compartment. They must be segregated. This includes animals of significant different sizes, different species and ones that are incompatible by nature. **Examples of this include miniature ponies with full size horses, cows and calves/mares and foals, other than one cow with her calf/one mare with her foal alone in a compartment, or bulls with calves.**
- 3.4.8 All gates must be secure.
- 3.4.9 Doors or gates must not be shut or slammed on the heads or legs of animals.

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### **3.5 Transport**

- 3.5.1 During hot weather, it is best to strictly limit the time that the trailer is stationary with animals loaded. Animals can overheat quite quickly.
- 3.5.2 If the trailer must be stopped, it should be parked in the shade or an area where a cross breeze is present.
- 3.5.3 Animals should be unloaded as soon as possible.

### **3.6 Unloading**

- 3.6.1 The trailer must be backed up, level and flush with the loading dock/ramp.
- 3.6.2 Non slip footing should be present at the bottom of the ramp and unloading area.
- 3.6.3 Acceptable handling tools for unloading include rattle paddles, flags and sorting sticks. Electric prods should be unnecessary for unloading.
- 3.6.4 Animals should not be rushed during unloading in order to avoid unnecessary slips and falls.
- 3.6.5 Any animals that become injured during the trip must be attended to immediately.

**SECTION 4.**

**Appendixes**

- Appendix a) Emergency Barn Evacuation Procedure-Public and Livestock
- Appendix b) Emergency Barn Evacuation Announcement
- Appendix c) Emergency Barn Injured Animal Procedure
- Appendix d) Emergency Barn Animal Care Trailer-Operating Instructions
- Appendix e) Emergency Contact Information
- Appendix f) Rodeo Animal Care Code of Conduct
- Appendix g) Barn Evacuation Map



**SECTION 5.**

**5. 2024 CALGARY STAMPEDE RODEO ANIMAL CARE CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 5.1 All Rodeo participants will:
  - a) Consistently demonstrate ethical conduct in the best interest of all rodeo animals;
  - b) Ensure their participation and the participation of any and all individuals associated with them are familiar with the 2024 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice;
  - c) Promote a safe sporting environment in the arena, stalling barns and back pens – before, during and after the rodeo;
  - d) Ensure responsible care in the handling, treatment and transportation of their horses as well as horses and/or cattle placed in their care for any purpose;
  - e) Exhibit standards of professional behavior which will maintain public confidence and trust in the integrity of the Calgary Stampede Rodeo, the sport of rodeo and the Calgary Stampede;
  - f) Cooperate in the enforcement of all relevant Rule Books referred to in the Calgary Stampede Ground Rules, the Animal Care Code of Conduct, and agree to accept the authority and decisions of the Calgary Stampede Pro Rodeo Officials and Stampede Officials.
- 5.2 Rodeo participants are subject to sanctions if they are found to have breached the Animal Care Code of Conduct.
- 5.3 Rodeo participants grant the Calgary Stampede the right to make any Code of Conduct sanctions public if the Stampede deems it appropriate in their sole discretion.
- 5.4 All animals will be transported in accordance with Government of Canada Health of Animals Act Part XII.
- 5.5 All animals provided for competition at the Calgary Stampede Rodeo will be in optimal health and meet all criteria as per the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice.
- 5.6 **Rodeo participants will have read, understood, and agree to comply with the entire 2024 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, including 1.9.5 Consent for Release of Necropsy Information.**

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### 2024 Calgary Stampede Rodeo Contestant Acknowledgement & Agreement

Prior to being considered entered at the 2024 Calgary Stampede Rodeo, each contestant must read the included documents and agree to the terms with your signature below.

**Contestant Agreement** I have read and understand the 2024 Calgary Stampede Contestant Agreement, including the alcohol and drug policy. I Understand that it contains important terms and conditions, including ones limiting liability. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ground Rules** I have read and understand the 2024 Calgary Stampede Ground Rules. The Ground Rules contain event specific rules. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal Care Codes** I have read and understand the entire 2024 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, including 1.9.5 Consent for Release of Necropsy Information and the 2024 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Conduct. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation of Entry** I agree that the Calgary Stampede will confirm my entry with ProCom, inclusive of Pool preference. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

PRCA/WPRA # _____	Pool Preference: Pool A (July 5 – 7) Pool B (July 8 – 10) Pool C (July 11 – 13)	1 <sup>st</sup> Preference	2 <sup>nd</sup> Preference
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I understand that if I have questions, at any time, regarding the Rodeo Contestants Agreement, Ground Rules, and/or Animal Care Codes, I will consult with the appointed contacts at the Calgary Stampede.

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_