



# 2017 Rodeo Approval Info Package



## CANADIAN SENIOR PRO RODEO ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association (CSPRA), members 40 years and older, was formed in 1985 by a group of cowboys who were interested in the continued growth of rodeo. As well as promotion of the sport of rodeo for these cowboys and cowgirls, it also affords the opportunity for friendly social activities.

The original membership in 1985 was approximately 65 and has been growing steadily since that time to a current membership count of 235. We have members from Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia as well as several American members that represent over 12 states - Nebraska in the east to California in the west and as far south as Texas and Florida. The Association has attracted such rodeo legends as Leo Brown of Cochrane, AB; Fred Gladstone of Cardston, AB; and Bob Robinson of Millet, AB - all inductees into the Canadian Rodeo Hall of Fame. Bill Reeder and Jim Gladstone, who each qualified for the CFR in Edmonton 11 times, are past Canadian and World Champion Calf Ropers. As well Benny Reynolds of Twin Bridges, Montana, who was the only cowboy in North America to hold championships in every major rodeo event also was a member.

The CSPRA currently sanctions 24 rodeos in Alberta and Montana. All of our rodeos are co-sanctioned by the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association (NSPRA). Most of the sanctioned rodeos are sponsored by service organizations or clubs and our membership offers to do all we can to assist committees to have a successful rodeo.

As with all non-profit organizations the CSPRA has a limited source of income. The cornerstone of our income comes primarily from membership fees and the generous sponsorship of individuals and businesses.

### OPERATION OF ASSOCIATION

The CSPRA operates under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta, Incorporation No. 503-9886, with a Board of Directors, President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

As well as promotion of rodeo itself the CSPRA has a very capable and dedicated executive. The executive meets regularly to discuss issues to assist the President with the business affairs of the Association. The Association is under the capable hands of President Lynn Turcato, of Taber, Alberta, a very active competitor in many events. The remainder of the executive is made up of dedicated men and women who are directors from each rodeo event as well as competitors themselves. The CSPRA maintains an office within the province of Alberta.

## RODEO APPROVALS

As of January 2016 the CSPRA voted to give Rodeo Committees the option to have a Full Rodeo, a Timed-Event Only Rodeo or a Roughstock Only Rodeo.

RODEO EVENTS - The following events are required in order to host a full CSPRA Rodeo:

- Ladies Barrel Racing 40-49, 50-59, 60+, 68+
- Tie Down Calf Roping 40-49, 50-59, 60+, 68+
- Ribbon Roping 40-49, 50-59, 60+
- Ladies Breakaway Roping (no age categories, all rope together)
- Men's Breakaway Roping 65+
- Team Roping 40-49, 50-59, 60+
- Steer Wrestling 40-49, 50+
- Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding 35-49, 50+

The CSPRA has the following suggestions;

- If any Rough Stock event has too few entries, then the Committee may augment this event with high school contestants. The high school rodeo contestants would have a **separate purse** which can be determined and paid by the Committee. Any added money for high school events is up to the Committee. (\$25.00 is a suggested entry fee)
- We suggest that high school contestants be limited to a maximum of 10 per rodeo.
- High school contestants would ride for 8 seconds and the "Mark Out" rule would apply.

Ribbon Roping has proved to be one of the most popular and entertaining events in rodeo where the roper (man) ropes the calf and the runner (lady) must grab the ribbon off the calf's tail and run, on foot, back across the score line.

If partners in Team Roping and Ribbon Roping do not fall into the same age category, they automatically enter into the younger age group. **You may not enter an event in more than one age category.**

Enclosed is an **Approval Form that MUST be completely filled out and returned to the Association Office at least 45 days in advance of your rodeo.** It would be most helpful if this approval form be returned 60 days in advance, thus enabling the CSPRA Office to provide more advance notice to the membership as well as assisting with the advertising your rodeo.

## YOUR RODEO INCOME

Each year the CSPRA has a draw for a **\$2,200.00 cash prize** that can be used in any way by your Rodeo Committee. Rodeo Committees are the only ones eligible for this draw but they must have their approval forms and approval fees (\$150.00 per rodeo) submitted to the CSPRA Office prior to March 31st of that calendar year. Other revenue for your committee will include:

- **FACILITY FEE\*\*** – each committee can charge a one-time facility fee of **\$10.00 per contestant, per rodeo location.** (ie: 145 contestants x \$10.00each = \$1450.00)
- **OFFICE FEE\*\*** – a \$7.50 office fee shall be charged. Of this \$7.50, **\$5.00 per contestant, per rodeo is retained by your Rodeo Committee.** (ie: 145 contestants x \$5.00each = \$725.00)

- **EVENT FEE\*\*** – Each contestant shall be charged **\$5.00 per event entered, per rodeo.**  
-In the 2015 rodeo season we averaged 245 entries per rodeo. (ie: 245 x \$5.00 = \$1,225.00)

*\*\*A cheque for these three above fees will be included in your rodeo package prior to the rodeo.*

- **In addition**, the CSPRA will subsidize your judge`s fees by \$100.00 per judge, per rodeo.  
(ie: two 1-day rodeos = 2 judges x \$100.00 each x each rodeo totals \$400.00)
- **SUPPLEMENTARY INCOME** – Other examples of possible rodeo income would be: sponsorship and donations, grant money (see back page), silent auctions, gate admission (**contestants cannot be charged a gate admission**), breakfasts, dinners, fun events, liquor sales, 50/50 ticket sales.

## **BUDGETING AND COSTS**

### **STOCK**

Keeping in mind the unique characteristics of the participants in the rough stock events, contractors are responsible for providing suitable age-appropriate stock for the various age groups.

Suitable stock must be provided for the timed events as well and must be in accordance with the weight limits and other requirements listed in the rule book which you can find online at [canadaseniorrodeo.com](http://canadaseniorrodeo.com).

Please contact the Rodeo Approval Representative for information and lists of contractors.

### **ADDED MONEY**

**\$300.00** per event is required in the Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding and Steer Wrestling events. Team Roping and Ribbon Roping requires a minimum of **\$100 per age category (= \$50 per partner)**. Calf Roping, Men`s and Ladies Breakaway Roping, and Ladies Barrel Racing require a minimum of **\$50 per age category**.

**NOTE: If either the Bareback or Saddle Bronc events has less than 3 entries, the two events may be combined for one purse. (ie: only 1 x \$300.00 needed instead of 2)**

## **MONEY SENT BACK TO THE CSPRA OFFICE**

**Each committee shall remit total monies collected from their rodeos as calculated on an invoice sent in the rodeo package prior to your rodeo, along with all results sheets, judge`s/timer`s sheets and the bottom half of all contestant entry receipts within 4 days of your rodeo.**

## **OTHER INFO**

### **RODEO PERSONNEL**

The CSPRA requires that each committee provide experienced rodeo personnel (ie: judges, timers, announcer, rodeo secretary, and stock contractors) all of which are required to have a \$25 (+GST) CSPRA Associate Membership. They must also supply a gate man and help in the arena and sorting pens. The CSPRA Office will be more than happy to assist in any way by providing names of qualified personnel. You will also find most contestants are more than happy to assist in any way they can at your rodeo. We require that all judges wear the sponsor vests supplied by the CSPRA.

### **AMBULANCE**

An Ambulance or First Aid Vehicle **MUST be available** at your rodeo **for all performances and slack**.

### **INSURANCE**

**Each Rodeo Committee must have Liability Insurance and furnish the CSPRA with a CERTIFICATE of INSURANCE clearly showing the CANADIAN SENIOR PRO RODEO ASSOCIATION is NAMED as an ADDITIONAL INSURED on the policy.** This certificate must be sent to the CSPRA office at least 45 days in advance of the rodeo.

### **RODEO SECRETARY**

A rodeo package shall be sent from the CSPRA Office to the Rodeo Secretary prior to your rodeo. Within 4 days of completion of your rodeo you must return the package along with the following:

- Completed payout calculation sheets for each event showing results.
- All judges and timers sheets (incl barrier judge and draw cards) with placings marked on them
- All monies from rodeo receipts, associate memberships & added money, as per sent invoice
- Any unused forms from package

## **AVAILABLE GRANT MONEY FOR AMATEUR RODEO**

The Alberta Government has a Grant Program in place enabling Agricultural Societies, who qualify, to receive assistance with expenses incurred in producing Amateur Rodeo. Canadian Senior Pro Rodeos are eligible for this grant.

In order to be eligible to receive this grant your rodeo must be produced by an Ag Society or have participation by an Ag Society. The percentage of expenses you may be eligible for (approx. 22%) would make this well worth pursuing. For information on this program go to [www1.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca).

*If you have any questions regarding hosting a CSPRA Rodeo, please call our Rodeo Committee Representative Craig FitzPatrick at 403-807-3269 or the CSPRA Office at 403-875-3242.*

*Sincerely,*

*Craig FitzPatrick,  
CSPRA Rodeo Committee Representative*