



**2019 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 New Mexico and Texas. 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.

### **OPERATIONS OF THE 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.

The CSPRA's Board of Directors, running under the very capable hands of newly elected President Kenny Ullery, of Cochrane, AB, are all very active in the promotion and betterment of the sport of rodeo. This dedicated Board is made up of men and women who as competitors themselves are also the directors for each rodeo event. The Board meets regularly to discuss issues to assist with the affairs of the members and Association. The CSPRA maintains an office with a secretary/treasurer in the province of Alberta.

## RODEO APPROVALS

Rodeo Committees have the option of holding a “Full Rodeo”, a “Timed Event Only Rodeo” or a “Roughstock Only Rodeo”. **The Rodeo Approval Form MUST be filled out and sent in to the CSPRA office with approval fees (\$150 per rodeo), a copy of the certificate of insurance, and the ambulance service contact info, at least 45 days in advance of the rodeo(s).** It would be most helpful if this info was sent even earlier to enable the office a more advanced notice to the membership as well as assist with the advertising of your rodeo(s).

**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 40+**
- **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 for roughstock events:

- If any roughstock riding event has too few entries, the Committee may want to augment this event with high school contestants for exhibition purposes. These exhibition contestants would have a separate purse which will be determined and paid for by the Committee along with any added money for such. A \$25 entry fee is suggested.
- We also suggest that exhibition contestants be limited to a maximum of 10 per rodeo.
- Exhibition contestants would ride for 8 seconds and the “Mark Out” rule would apply.

## RODEO COMMITTEE INCOME

Each year the CSPRA holds a “**Rodeo Committee Draw**” for a **\$2,200 cash prize** that can be used in any way by your committee. Rodeo Committees are the only ones eligible for this draw but they must have their approval forms and supporting documents and fees in to the CSPRA office prior to March 31st of the calendar year. Other revenue that makes up your proceeds includes:

- **FACILITY FEE\*\*** – each contestant is charged a one-time facility fee of **\$10 per rodeo location, which goes to your Rodeo Committee.** (eg: 145 contestants x \$10each = \$1450)
- **OFFICE FEE\*\*** – each contestant is charged a \$7.50 office fee. Of that, **\$5 per contestant, per rodeo, goes to your Rodeo Committee.** (eg: 145 contestants x \$5each = \$725)
- **EVENT FEE\*\*** – each contestant is charged an event fee of **\$5 per event entered, per rodeo, goes to your Rodeo Committee.** (eg: 245 entries x \$5 = \$1,225)

*A cheque for these three above fees (plus possible Ambulance Fee), based on the entries taken, will be included in your rodeo package sent prior to the rodeo(s). When the rodeo is finalized by the CSPRA Office we will correct for any changes (MO/VO/HR/VI) that may have occurred during the rodeo with either a follow-up invoice or another cheque.*

- **IN ADDITION** – the CSPRA will subsidize your judge`s fees by \$100 per judge, per rodeo. A cheque for each judge (names required) will be included in your rodeo package sent prior to your rodeo(s). (eg: two 1-day rodeos = 2 judges x \$100 each x 2 rodeos which totals \$400)
- **AND IF NEEDED**, your Committee can choose to charge a \$2/contestant/rodeo Ambulance Fee, along with the other fees, to be included in your proceeds cheque. (*see Medical Services below*)
- **SUPPLEMENTARY INCOME** – Other examples of possible rodeo income would be: sponsorship, 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, etc.

## BUDGETING AND COSTS

**STOCK:** – *please download our sheet of CSPRA Stock Requirements for all hired contractors*

Keeping in mind the unique characteristics of the contestants in the CSPRA roughstock and timed events, stock contractors are responsible for providing suitable quality, age-appropriate, stock for all age groups. As well, they must be in accordance with the weight limits, type, and other requirements listed in the CSPRA rulebook which can be found online at [canadaseniorrodeo.com](http://canadaseniorrodeo.com).

### **ADDED MONEY:**

**\$300.00** per event is required in the Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding and Steer Wrestling events. The Team Roping and Ribbon Roping events require a minimum of **\$100 per age category (\$50 per partner per age category)**. Tie Down 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 \$300 for each)

## ADDITIONAL INFO

### **RODEO PACKAGES:**

A rodeo package shall be sent from the CSPRA Office to your Rodeo Secretary prior to the rodeo. This will include information on your responsibilities, judge/timer sheets, entry fee receipts, proceeds/judges cheques and a rodeo invoice. At end of rodeo(s) a package must be returned along with the following:

- \* Completed payout & results worksheets for each event showing results
- \* All judges and timers sheets (incl barrier judge and draw cards), attached to above worksheets
- \* The bottom half of the contestant receipts with form of payment info marked on each
- \* **CHEQUE(s)** for the **TOTAL AMOUNT** shown on the **RODEO INVOICE**
  - Rodeo Committees may either have contestants make their entry fee cheques payable to their Committee or Ag Society if that is easier and/or helps them with grants, or to the CSPRA, the choice is yours. Either way, the total amount listed on the rodeo invoice **MUST** be sent in.

### **RODEO PERSONNEL:**

The CSPRA requires that each committee provide qualified rodeo personnel (ie: rodeo secretary, judges, timers, announcer, and stock contractors) of which all are required to have at least a CSPRA Associate Membership (\$25+GST) purchased by themselves or by your rodeo committee if you so choose. It is required that all judges wear any sponsor vests supplied by the CSPRA. Committees must also supply a gate man and any needed help in the arena/sorting pens. The CSPRA Office will assist in any way by providing a list of names of qualified personnel and you will find that most contestants are more than happy to help out at your rodeo(s).

### **MEDICAL SERVICES:**

It is mandatory to have an ambulance with qualified medical personnel (EMT or higher) at all rodeo perms and slacks. A committee may now choose to supplement this cost by adding a \$2/contestant/rodeo Ambulance Fee, to the existing rodeo fees. (*See Rule Sec II.D.8.a. of CSPRA Rulebook*)

### **INSURANCE:**

Committees must have their own **Liability Insurance** and send a copy of their **CERTIFICATE of INSURANCE** clearly showing the CANADIAN SENIOR PRO RODEO ASSOCIATION is named as **ADDITIONAL INSURED** on the policy to the CSPRA office at least 45 days in advance of the rodeo.

### **AVAILABLE GRANT MONEY FOR RODEOS**

The Alberta Government has a Grant Program in place enabling Agricultural Societies, who qualify, to receive assistance with expenses incurred in producing Amateur Rodeo(s). Our 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 contact me.*

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