

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

The original membership was approximately 65 strong and has been growing steadily since that time to a current membership count of 200. 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 26 rodeos in Alberta and Montana. Some rodeos are co-sanctioned by the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association (NSPRA) and some by the Professional Senior Rodeo Association (PSRA). Most of the sanctioned rodeos are sponsored by service organizations or clubs and our membership offers to do all we can to assist committees in having 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 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 President Theresa Oldford, of Winfield, 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 the rodeo events. 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 either a "Full Rodeo", a "Timed Event Only Rodeo" or a "Roughstock Only Rodeo". All rodeos are one day only, usually run as two or three in a row at one location. A Rodeo Approval Form MUST be filled out and sent in to the CSPRA office with approval fees (\$150CDN per rodeo) plus a copy of the Certificate of Insurance at least 45 days in advance of the rodeo(s). It would be most helpful if your proposed rodeo dates were sent even earlier to allow the office to give a more advanced notice to the membership as they plan their rodeo season.

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

- Ladies Barrel Racing age groups: 40-49, 50-59, 60+, 68+
- Tie Down Calf Roping age groups: 40-49, 50-59, 60+, 68+
- Ribbon Roping age groups: 40-49, 50-59, 60+
- Ladies Breakaway Roping age group: 40+
- Men's Breakaway Roping age groups: 40-64, 65+
- Team Roping age groups: 40-49, 50-59, 60+
- Steer Wrestling age groups: 40-49, 50+
- Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding age groups: 35-49, 50+

If you are including any roughstock events, the CSPRA has the following suggestions:

- Should a roughstock riding event have too few entries, your committee may want to augment the event with high school or amateur contestants for exhibition purposes. Any exhibition events would have a separate
- purse which would be determined and paid for by your committee along with any added money you might want to include. A \$25 entry fee is suggested.
- We also suggest that exhibition events be limited to a maximum of 10 contestants per rodeo.
- Exhibition contestants would ride for 8 seconds and a full "Mark Out" rule would apply.

RODEO COMMITTEE INCOME

There are a number of items that can make up a committee's income from hosting a rodeo. Some items making up a committee's income/proceeds include:

- **CREO FEE**** each contestant is charged a CREO fee of \$22 per rodeo, which 70 % or \$15.40 goes to your rodeo committee. (eg: 145 contestants x \$15.40each = \$2233.00)
- **ARENA FEE**** each contestant is charged a \$5.00 arena fee. Of that, **\$5.00 per contestant, per event entered, per rodeo, goes to your rodeo committee.** (eg: 173 contestants x \$5.00 each = \$865.000 for one rodeo)
- ENTRY FEE** each contestant is charged an event fee of \$60.00 per event entered, per rodeo, which 13 % or \$7.80 gets spilt between the CSPRA and your association. Of the 13 %, 75 % or \$5.85 goes to your rodeo committee. (eg: 173 entries x \$5.85 = \$1012.05 for one rodeo)
- **SUPLEMENTARY INCOME** Other examples of possible rodeo income would be: sponsorship, donations, grant money, silent auctions, dinners/breakfasts, fun events, liquor sales, 50/50 ticket sales, public gate admission (contestants cannot be charged a gate admission), etc.

RODEO COMMITTEE EXPENSES

RODEO PERSONNEL: - see "Attachment A"

The CSPRA requires that each committee provide qualified rodeo personnel (ie: secretary, judges, timers, announcer, and stock contractors) all of which are required to have an Associate or Full CSPRA Membership purchased by either themselves or by your rodeo committee prior to your rodeo. Committees must also supply a gate man along with any other needed help in the arena and/or sorting pens. "Attachment B" is a list of qualified personnel to choose from including our new choice of a CSPRA trained rodeo secretary. (It is mandatory that committees honor our CSPRA Major Sponsor obligations such as but not limited to sponsor name announcements, grand entry flags, and arena banners)

RODEO INSURANCE:

Committees must have their own **LIABILITY INSURANCE** and send a copy of their **CERTIFICATE of INSURANCE** clearly showing that 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.

RODEO STOCK: – see "Attachment B" for Stock Contractor Requirements

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 of all events. They must also be in accordance with weight limits, breed, and other requirements as listed in "Attachment A" and/or in the CSPRA rulebook (at http://www.canadaseniorrodeo.com/Rules.html).

ADDED MONEY: - Note that added money is optional for each rodeo.

RODEO MEDICAL SERVICES:

In the best interest and safety of all in attendance at any CSPRA rodeos, it is the responsibility of the hosting rodeo committee to supply, at all perfs and slacks, a minimum of **TWO** medical personnel with at least one being a Primary Care Paramedic (PCP, formerly known as EMT) and one being an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) licensed by the provincial government, plus Alberta Health Services required Basic Life Support equipment to have the ability and means to stabilize a critically injured patient. (as per Rule Sec.II.D.8.a. of the CSPRA Rulebook, online at canadaseniorrodeo.com, failure to comply with this rule is a finable offense that will be determined by the CSPRA Board of Directors)

ADDITIONAL INFO

RODEO PACKAGES:

A rodeo package will be sent from the CSPRA office to your committee/secretary approximately one week prior to your rodeo. This package includes information on committee responsibilities, judge/timer sheets, contestant entry fee receipts, etc. When the rodeos are complete, your package must be returned to the CSPRA office within four days of the last rodeo with the following:

- * Completed payout & results worksheets for each event.
- * All four copies of judges and timers' sheets, one judge copy attached to the above worksheets.
- * The second copy of the contestant receipts with payment method marked on each (ie: chg/cash/cc)
- * Rodeo committees may either have contestants make their entry fee cheques payable to their committee or ag society (if that is easier and helps them with grants) or to the CSPRA, the choice is yours. Any money collected for outside fees (stalls, dinner etc) must be made payable to the committee or ag society. CSPRA will not be collecting any of these fees.

RODEO COMMUNICATION:

When communicating any information about your event please be aware that the CSPRA website is the only official source of communication and information should be given to CSPRA office to post on the website. Any posting on the CSPRA Facebook page or other social media platforms will not be considered official.

AVAILABLE GRANT MONEY

The Alberta Government has grant/funding programs in place enabling those who qualify to receive assistance with expenses incurred in producing amateur rodeo(s). The Canadian Senior Pro Rodeos are eligible for these grants and are well worth pursuing. For information on possible grant/funding programs go to www.alberta.ca. (one possible grant would be at: www1.agric.gov.ab.ca)

If you have any questions regarding hosting a CSPRA Rodeo, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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^{*}NOTE: The CPRA runs rodeo judging clinics every 2 years and the FCA runs one in Olds every April, \$75

ATTACHMENT "B" – RODEO STOCK REQUIREMENTS

Realizing the unique characteristics of the contestants in the CSPRA, stock contractors are responsible for providing suitable, age-appropriate, quality stock for ALL events.

ROUGHSTOCK RIDING EVENTS:

- Stock must have a branded number and will be drawn by that number.
- A complete go-round must be drawn at one time.
- Contestants who have re-rides will be drawn at the same time from all re-ride stock, including turned out stock, if necessary.
- If stock is sick or crippled, replacements will be drawn from re-ride animals.
- Animals are to be screened and agreed on before they are put into the draw.
- Head fighting bulls or those having bad horns will be taken out of the draw. All bull horns will be tipped reasonably and dulled to the size of a loonie.
- Rodeo committees must ensure that contractors provide an adequate number of, or a minimum of, 1 (one) bull fighter, 1 (one) pick up man, and an appropriate number of gate men.
 - Failure to have appropriate bull fighters, pick-up men and gate men in the arena during a roughstock event shall be considered a Level III offence and punishable by a fine of \$250.00.

TIMED EVENTS:

- Contractors are required to supply at least one-third (1/3) as many cattle for steer wrestling events and one-half (1/2) as many for all roping events. At the CSPRA Finals, contractors are required to supply one (1) animal per contestant in all events.
- Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame, sick or injured animal, or animals with defective eyesight, shall be permitted in the draw at any time.
- All fresh timed-event cattle shall be run prior to the first performance of each rodeo and any that cannot clear a thirty-inch (30") chute will be eliminated from the draw or tipped at that rodeo. Failure to comply with this rule shall be considered a Level II offence and will result in the stock contractor being subject to a \$100 fine.
- All cattle will be drawn by tag number.
- Cattle will not be drawn any sooner than two (2) hours before each perf or slack.
- Cattle in the draw will be run one time before any run twice. When, due to a split performance, and this procedure becomes impossible, the draw will include cattle remaining that have been run the least number of times. Immediately after a split performance the draw will then revert to the cattle that have been run the least number of times. In case of re-runs, all cattle in the draw will be run one time before being run twice.
- No drawn stock can be held over from one performance to the next or overnight.
- Should an animal be taken out of the draw it may not be returned to the draw for the duration of that rodeo.
- In the slack, the first three (3) contestants in each age category in each event must go in order, then the committee can run the rest in any order.
- Steers cannot be held over a 12-month period for use in the steer wrestling and team roping events unless approval is granted by the appropriate event director or his representative.
- Stock is not to be fed in the arena during the duration of the rodeo. If the stock must be fed in the arena, the committee must have the arena worked satisfactorily and the same for all performances and slack.

TIE-DOWN ROPING STOCK:

- Contractors must supply at least one-half (1/2) as many calves as there are competitors in each event.
- All calves will not weigh more than 250 pounds.
 - In the 60+ and 68+ tie-down events, weights are not to exceed 200 pounds.
 - There shall be no mixing of breeds in an event.
 - Any deviation from these rules must be approved by the Tie-Down Roping Director or his representative or a Level II fine of \$100 will be assessed.
- Calves must be tied down no later than one hour prior to the beginning of the all performances or slacks in which they are scheduled to be used. The Tie-Down Roping Director or his representative may approve the tying down of calves on the day prior to the performance or section of slack, but in no event may he approve the tying down of calves less than one (1) hour prior to the beginning of the performance or section of the slack in which they are scheduled to be used.

BREAKAWAY ROPING STOCK:

- Contractors must supply at least one-half (1/2) as many calves as there are total competitors, Ladies & the two groups of Men's events combined.
- Calves will not have horns longer than three inches (3").
- Stock shall be as uniform and consistent as possible when sorting between all the breakaway events.
- Calves are not to be tied at any time during the run or while in arena.

RIBBON ROPING STOCK:

- Contractors must supply at least one-half (1/2) as many calves as there are competitors in each event.
- Calves are to weigh no more than 250 pounds per head. Any deviation must be approved by the Ribbon Roping Director or his representative or a Level II fine of \$100 will be assessed.
- Calves are not to be tied at any time during the run or while in the arena.

TEAM ROPING STOCK:

- Contractors must supply at least one-half (1/2) as many animals as there are competitors in each event.
- Maximum weight for cattle is 700 pounds per head, unless otherwise approved by the Team Roping Director or his representative.

STEER WRESTLING STOCK:

- Contractors must supply at least one-third (1/3) as many steers as there are competitors.
- Steers must be a minimum of 450 pounds and a maximum of 750 pounds per head. At televised rodeos, steer wrestling steers must weigh at least 500 pounds each.
- Stock must be Corriente or Longhorn and will be of the same breed and type.
- Cattle used for any other events will not be used for steer wrestling.
- Steers used must have tipped horns.
- Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or one with a broken horn. If a contestant jumps at the steer he accepts him as sound.
- Fresh steers not thrown down during competition must be bulldogged from horseback and thrown down after completion of the goround. It is the responsibility of the steer wrestlers to throw the cattle at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor and under the supervision of the Steer Wrestling Director or his representative.

SAMPLE-PRODUCTION CHECKLIST

Required personnel & Jobs in addition to official personnel

PRE-RODEO

To do list

- Unload cattle at feed pens- where they will rest
- Label pens by sections
- Run cattle through twice
- Hang banners
- Set up announcer stand and test sound system
- Fill in boxes
- Confirm water truck
- Confirm medical services
- Large tractor, groomers, quads, and compact tractors w/ rototiller to rodeo grounds
- Check fuel in all vehicles, generators etc.
- Bring hay to site
- Horses on site to move cattle
- Truck and trailer to move cattle/injured cattle
- Box pads if required
- Set up group text for rodeo crew
- Fill water tubs for cattle
- Mark barrel pattern- Barrel Racing Members will do.

Rodeo Supplies

- Set up barrier (Neck ropes/ barrier string) -Judges
- Barrels (3 with closed ends)
- Electric timer- Barrel Racing Director/ Equipment Coordinator
- Stop Watches (2)
- Whistle or horn for timers to mark 30 second time limit in breakaway/steer wrestling
- Breakaway String- Breakaway Roping Director
- Ribbon and elastic bands for ribbon roping- Ribbon Roping Director
- Two tape measures- Barrel Racing Director/ Equipment Coordinator
- Zip ties for banners
- Photocopier and paper for secretary to copy results for posting (optional)
- Tape or other fasteners for secretary to post results
- 50/50 Tickets & Float (Optional)

Rodeo Crew Slack/Performance

- Medical Staff
- Rodeo Secretary

- Judges (2)
- Timers (2)
- Announcer
- Stripping chute
- Catch pen crew
- Gate man
- Wishbone crew, sort and load cattle (2)
- Calf untie
- Arena- horse and rider to clear cattle (1-2)
- Tractor Driver
- Quad Driver
- Pull barrier/ Close head gate
- Tie neck ropes
- Barrels gate man
- Arena Director
- Barrel spotter crew (3)
- Truck driver to bring in/ take out barrels
- Truck driver to bring cattle back if no return alley
- 50/50 Ticket Sellers (Optional)

This is a sample of what your committee might need for workers/ volunteers as well as supplies to produce a rodeo. All are subject to adaptation given the uniqueness of each location. Committees are free to charge gate admission and would need to supply workers for such (contestants who show their current membership card are granted free admission). Committees are free to have a dinner/ potluck as well and would notify the association of such on their approval form.

SAMPLE- RODEO SCHEDULE

8:00 AM

- Rodeo Office opens- Secretary
- Rodeo Production Meeting- Committee
- Rototill boxes and barrels
- Confirm cattle for stock draw- committee and directors
- Stock draw- Judges
- Confirm barrel markers and 3 barrels

8:30 AM

- Move cattle down to the roping end
- Water arena if required

9:00 AM

- Clear arena
- Groom arena- tractor driver
- Post stock draw- secretary

9:45 AM

- Load first section cattle
- Check Medical Services have arrived
- Check workers are in place before appropriate event (untying cattle, catch gate crew, chute crew and gate man, rider to clear arena, announcer, timers, judges, barrel spotters, arena director)

10:00 AM

- Slack/ Performance begins
- Anthem- Announcer
- Grand Entry- Flags- Association will designate flag bearers for Canadian and American and Association flags/ committee will look after any sponsor flag bearers that they have
- Load cattle
- Confirm breakaway string in place
- Start rodeo
 - 1. Ladies Barrel Racing 40's
 - 2. Ladies Barrel Racing 50's
 - 3. Ladies Barrel Racing 60's
 - 4. Ladies Barrel Racing 68 +
 - 5. Ribbon Roping 40's
 - 6. Ribbon Roping 50's
 - 7. Ribbon Roping 60's
 - 8. Ladies Breakaway

- 9. Tie Down Roping 40's
- 10. Tie Down Roping 50's
- 11. Tie Down Roping 60's
- 12. Tie Down Roping 68 +
- 13. Team Roping 40's
- 14. Team Roping 50's
- 15. Team Roping 60's
- 16. Men's Breakaway 40-64
- 17. Men's Breakaway 65 +
- 18. Steer Wrestling
- 19. Saddle Bronc
- 20. Bareback
- 21. Bull Riding

This is a sample rodeo schedule and can be adapted to each location. Start time and order of events is determined by the committee, keeping in mind that the arena must be groomed at the start of the Barrel Racing and Ribbon Roping events. Committees can choose to have both a slack and performance.