

INFR 2017
JR/SR Event GROUND RULES

The official INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO RULES AND BYLAWS, shall apply at the INFR unless otherwise specified:

1. CHECK IN TIME

a. Every contestant is REQUIRED to report and register in person to the INFR Check-In at the place determined no later than **3:00 pm, Pacific Standard Time (PST), Wednesday, November 8, 2017.** All Contestants will attend a mandatory contestant meeting in the arena area at **8:30 a.m. (PST) on Thursday, November 9, 2017**

b. Every contestant is REQUIRED to check in for the Scoreboard pictures on **Wednesday, November 8, 2017** according to the following PST times:

9:00 am	Jr. Barrel Racing
9:10 am	Jr. Breakaway
9:20 am	Jr. Bulls – Bring gear bag for equipment check with judges.
9:30 am	Sr. Breakaway
9:40 am	Sr. Team Roping
10:00am	Jr/Sr Back Number Ceremony in arena

Jr/Sr Tour Champions will be required to report to the arena floor at 6:30 pm PST, Thursday, November 9, 2017 to be awarded buckles and bonus checks prior to the Thursday, 7 pm Performance.

c. Any contestant missing this deadline shall be fined the sum of \$50.00 payable immediately and before he/she competes. Unless prior arrangements were made, all contestants are expected to meet this deadline.

d. Every contestant at the INFR is required to wear proper rodeo attire (**western** shirt, hat, and boots) during rodeo performances and at times while in the arena (i.e. roping boxes, bucking chutes, and while assisting other contestants) and other INFR designated events. Contestant failing to comply with this rule shall be fined \$100.00.

e. Any contestant, who damages or destroys any property of the South Point, will be held fully responsible for their actions and will be ineligible to purchase a membership through the INFR or any region for the next three years.

f. There will be a zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol. Any contestant under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be disqualified.

Open riding for Jr/Sr in the main arena will be from 9am-11am Thursday, November 9, and Friday, November 10, 2017.

In recognition for the sponsors, contestants are asked to wear the following:

*Thursday, November 9th, 2017: **PINK**-Breast Cancer Awareness

*Friday, November 10, 2017: **PURPLE OR GRAY** - Diabetes Awareness Day -sponsored by INFR Diabetes Awareness

*Saturday, November 11, 2017: **RED, WHITE, BLUE**- Veteran's Day

2. BACK NUMBERS

- a. Every contestant is REQUIRED to attend the back number reception to be held at **10:00 am, Wednesday, November 8, 2017** to be formally introduced and for group pictures. Proper rodeo attire is REQUIRED.

3. GRAND ENTRY/GO ROUND/WORLD CHAMPION INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Contestants are required to participate in the Grand Entry where participation is scheduled.
- b. Go Round winners are required to take an introduction lap after each performance.
- c. World Champions are required to take an introduction lap after the final performance on Saturday, November 11. Additionally, World Champions are required to report to the arena floor at 6:30 pm, Saturday, November 11 for presentation of awards.
- d. Contestants shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for failing to take introductions.

4. SPONSORSHIP LOGOS

- a. Sponsorship logos must be placed on contestant shirts in a professional manner and in good taste.

5. CONTESTANT NUMBERS

- a. Contestants shall wear their numbers on their **BACK** at all times while competing. Contestant shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for failing to comply with this rule.

6. GO-ROUNDS, PERFORMANCES AND CONTESTANT POSITIONS

- a. There shall be 2 go rounds with 32 contestants competing in each go-round per event premised on 10 Tour and 22 Region qualifiers. **The first round will be on Thursday, November 9 - at 12:30 p.m. PST. The second round will be on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 12:30 pm PST with the top 10 competitors on Saturday, November 11 at 12:30 p.m.**
- b. In all events, contesting positions will be drawn for prior to the 1st go-round, and contestant shall compete in the order drawn.
- c. The 1st go-round order will be reversed for the 2nd go-round.

- d. The 3rd (Top 10) go-round positions shall be determined by the scores and times of the contestants, with the best scores and times filling the final performance (except for Jr. Barrels which will be the fastest times will run first).
- e. There will be NO drawbacks.
- f. Turnouts (Per Round)- Non Notified Turnouts will be fined \$150.00 and the Notified Turnouts will be charged \$100.00.

ORDER OF EVENTS

1st Performance - Thursday, November 9 – 12:30 p.m.

All of the Jr Barrels - 1st section of Jr. Bulls - Sr Breakaway - Jr. Breakaway- Sr Team Roping. 2nd section of Jr. Bulls - Sr Breakaway - Jr. Breakaway- Sr Team Roping. 3rd section of Jr. Bulls

2nd Performance – Friday, November 10 - 12:30 p.m.

All of the Jr Barrels - 1st section of Jr. Bulls - Sr Breakaway - Jr. Breakaway- Sr Team Roping. 2nd section of Jr. Bulls - Sr Breakaway - Jr. Breakaway- Sr Team Roping. 3rd section of Jr. Bulls

Short Go - Saturday, November 11 – 12:30 p.m. - Jr Barrels - Sr Breakaway - Jr Breakaway - Sr Team Roping - Jr Bulls

7. PRIZE MONEY AND PAY OFF

a. Prize money per event: \$6,000.00 Jr. events \$6000.00 Sr events

a. Team Roping: \$12,000.00 (\$6,000.00 per end)

- b. Payouts will be posted by Rodeo Secretary prior to start of first go round.
- c. Contestant entry fees will be \$330 for Sr. Events and \$230 for Jr. Events.
- d. The 1st and 2nd rounds will pay 25% each of the total purse. The short (top 10) will pay 10% of the total purse. Average will pay 40% of the total purse.
- e. There will be no ground money.

8. WORLD CHAMPIONS

- a. The World Champions in each event shall be the contestant who wins the “average” on 3 go-rounds in accordance with the official timers’ and judges’ records.
- b. In the event of a tie, a ride or rope or run off will be held to determine the champion.

TIMED EVENTS

Roping Events will be timed to the hundredth of a second. Jr. Barrel Racing will be timed to the

thousandth of a second. Contestant order shall be the order as drawn or determined by times.
EXCEPTION: Timed Event chute boss with concurrence of judges, may split horses in the timed events. Changes in order to split horses must be made through the Secretary and judges prior to the performance commencing. Deadline for splitting horses is one hour prior to the performance and is done by filing it with the rodeo secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a \$50.00 fine.

1. JR. and SR. BREAKAWAY ROPING

- a. Jr. and Sr. Contestants will rope calves/muleys. There will be sufficient cattle to complete the go-round. The chute boss and stock contractor will designate the extra calves in concurrence with judges and event spokesman to be cut and will list by number the order in which these calves will be used, if necessary.
- b. Contestants may use only one loop. Contestants will rope from the tie down roping box. The loop must pass cleanly over the calf's head. Once the loop has passed over the calf's head, loop may draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the ears. Time is to begin when the calf releases the barrier rope and ends when the field flagger flags the rope breaking away from the saddle horn. Calf must break rope away from saddle horn. Contestant would receive a no time should they break rope away from the saddle horn themselves.
- c. If the animal gets out of the chute before the roper called for it or barrier fails to work so that official time is not recorded, the roper with that animal drawn will take the animal designated by the judges as first extra and rope it at that performance during the breakaway roping, if possible.

2. JR. BARREL RACING

- a. Contestants shall "Run In" and keep in forward motion (Per WPRA Rules). Contestants who fail to do so shall be verbally warned for 1st offense, 2nd offense will result in a fine and/or disqualification.
- b. The gate shall remain open for the entire barrel racing run.
- c. Contestant losing their hat before the starting line shall result in a \$50.00 fine.

3. SR. TEAM ROPING

- a. Changes in order to split horses must be made through the Arena Secretary and judges one hour prior to the performance and must be filed with the secretary. Contestants failing to comply with this Rule shall be fined \$50.00.
- b. Steers for use in the contest will be cut before the rodeo by the roping chute boss. The light end of the cattle will be used for extras to replace cattle that get crippled or sick.
- c. The roping chute boss in concurrence with judges will list by number the order in which the

extra steers will be used if necessary.

- d. Contestants will only be allowed two loops in Sr Team Roping. One for the header and one for the heeler.
- e. Steers will be cut before the rodeo and shall be kept in the same pens throughout the rodeo. Extra steers shall be added because of sick or injured animals.
- f. If a steer gets out before the team has called for it or barrier fails to work so that official time is not recorded, the team with that steer drawn will take the steer designated as the first extra in the bunch and rope it at that performance during the team roping, if possible.
- g. Extra steers to be roped and ready for next go-round as scheduled and arranged by roping chute boss and team roping spokesperson.
- h. Tie on rule is in effect for heelers consistent with the INFR and PRCA rules and criteria.
- i. Contestants that entered as header or heeler must rope in those same positions throughout the entire INFR (NO SWITCHING ENDS).

4. TIMED EVENTS GENERAL AND TIME LIMITS

- a. All cattle must be numbered or ear tagged with numbers.
- b. All timed events will have a time limit of 30 seconds.
- c. There will be a 45 second time limit in the timed event box for contestant and horse. The rule will not apply if the delay is the result of the stock drawn. The fines applicable are as follows: The clock will start when the animal before the contestant leaves the arena and the arena is suitable to compete. It will stop if your drawn animal is not cooperating but will start once the animal is cooperating. The clock only stops it does not start over. The clock will not stop if contestant's horse is not cooperating.

1st offense: \$50.00 fine.

2nd offense: \$100.00 fine.

3rd offense: disqualification.

RIDING EVENTS

1. JR. BULLS

- a. Jr. Bulls will ride 2-3 year old bulls.
- b. Jr. Bulls will ride one handed for six seconds with option of re-rides given if applicable.
- c. Jr. Bulls will be required to wear safety vest and helmets. This equipment will be checked at the contestant check in time.

2. TIMED LIMIT IN ROUGH STOCK

- a. Contestant must be over his animal with his hand pulling his rope, when the previous animal leaves the arena. If not followed, there will be a \$50 fine.
- b. Contestants "soaking" or repeatedly pulling their livestock will be fined and or disqualified from competition.
- c. There will be a 45 second time limit in the bucking chute for a contestant. The rule will not apply if the delay is the result of the stock drawn. The fines applicable are as follows: The clock will start when the animal before you leaves the arena and the arena is suitable to compete. It will stop if your drawn animal is not cooperating but will start once the animal is cooperating. The clock only stops it does not start over.

1st offense: \$50.00 fine.

2nd offense: \$100.00 fine.

3rd offense: disqualification.

3. RE-RIDES AND RE-RIDE STOCK

- a. Re-rides shall be in accordance with the INFR and PRCA Rules.
- b. A contestant may be given a re-ride if animal gets out of chute into arena.
- c. Re-ride bulls will be drawn in order 1, 2, and 3. If re-rides are given, animals will be used in that order. Contestant shall notify judge immediately of this decision. Judges shall mark and announcers shall announce marking of the contestant, which allows him the option of a re-ride.
- d. Stock drawn for re-rides, but not used, may be placed in the draw for the next go-round.
- e. Re-rides given will be taken during the same performance such re-ride was given and during the same event in which it is given, if possible, except in the case of injuries or unusual circumstances.
- f. If re-ride stock is used up, any additional re-rides need shall be drawn from next available unused animals. Under these conditions, animal will be ridden at the discretion of the chute boss in concurrence with judges.
- g. Any animal that required a re-ride due to inferior performance at any previous INFR is permanently ineligible for stock selection at any subsequent INFR.

4. STALLS

- a. Stalls will be available to all timed event contestants at a price of \$220/\$260 with mats from November 6rd through November 11th. Advance stall rental is \$200/\$240 with mats paid prior to the INFR, before October 18th, 2017.

- b. Your horse stall cannot be used as tack rooms; there will be separate stalls that can be purchased for a tack room for the same price.
- c. Contestants are reminded to keep their stalls clean.
- d. Contestants are expected to adhere to stall Rules for the South Point Equestrian Center.

5. DRAWING OUT

a. INFR contestants shall not compete in another rodeo during the INFR 2017.

b. If a contestant is forced to draw out before the start of the INFR but after bucking/timed event stock and position has been drawn for them, a replacement contestant shall be drawn in and will take the stock and/or position already drawn for contestant they are replacing. The replacing contestant shall be the next qualifying contestant in either the Tour Standings or the Region Standings. The replacing contestant shall pay his/her fees before the commencement of the first go round.

c. There will not be substitutions after the start of the first go round except under the following circumstance: Where one partner in the team roping suffers a disabling injury while competing in the INFR, the remaining partner will be allowed to continue with any competing contestant in the INFR, except another team roping contestant competing in the INFR. If this happens, the team is eligible for go round money only and NOT A CHAMPIONSHIP.

6. UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS TO Stock

a. A maximum \$500 cash fine will be assessed by the judges to any contestant for unnecessary roughness to any stock.

7. CONTESTANT / COMPANION TICKETS

a. Each contestant will be given a wristband and allowed to purchase up to one companion pass at \$80.00 during contestant check-in only.

b. Each employee or official will have an official identification or badge. The contestants will have an ID bracelet for admission to the arena.

c. Only contestants with bracelets will be able to use the doors to enter and exit the arena from the stall area.

d. No contestants will be allowed access to the stock pens behind the South Point where the bucking stock is housed. Violation will result in a \$100.00 fine.

9. PARKING

INFR Contestants and Personnel shall park in designated areas.

10. OFFICES

INFR Offices will be located on premise near arena. All INFR operations, Rodeo Secretary's office, press office, official photographer and the General Manager's office will be coordinated together.

11. STOCK

INFR contestants may not be primary stock contractors at the INFR.

12. JUDGES

Judges' decisions are final.

13. INFR COMMISSION

The INFR Commission reserves the right to change or amend the Ground Rules as deemed appropriate.

Unless otherwise stated herein, the INFR will adhere to the INFR, WPRA, and PRCA Rules.

Harassment of any kind towards any INFR official, secretary, timer, judge, commissioner or personnel will NOT be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification.