WPRA World Finals ★ 2026 ★

Women's Professional Rodeo Association
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2026 WPRA WORLD FINALS
BARREL RACING GROUND RULES

I. Quick Tips:

Read the rules

- Keep a copy of your entry when you enter.
- Exhibitions are available online only at time of entry.
- If you want to stall together, one (1) person must buy the stalls on one (1) entry. No exceptions! If you have a special request (stallion stall, etc.), send an email to entry@elitebarrelracing.com.
- Coggins paperwork as well as health certificate (if applicable) is required upon entry to Extraco Events Center.
- It is not necessary to check-in with the Main Office located in the Coliseum. Draw numbers for your entry can be found on www.wpra.com prior to the event.

* Event times listed are subject to change. Check www.wpra.com.

II. Entries:

a. Online — Entries open September 7, 2026, and will close October 29, 2026 at 11:00 pm MT. You may enter online at www.wpra.com.

b. Events to Enter:

i. *Boot Barn Pro* Rodeo Barrels — $300 Entry Fee. $15,000 added
ii. Permit Only Barrels — $250 Entry Fee. $5,000 added
iii. Markel Futurity — $300 Entry Fee. $5,000 added
iv. Markel Derby — $300 Entry Fee. $5,000 added
v. Divisional Circuit Side Pot — $50 Entry Fee. $500 added
vi. Gold Card Side Pot — $35 Entry Fee. $500 added

III. Drawing Out:

a. Draw out deadline 8:00 am CT Thursday, November 12, 2026.
b. The draw-out form must be completed and turned into the office or emailed by the deadline to receive a draw-out refund.
c. The draw-out form is for entry fees, stall fees, and RV fees, less a 25% draw out charge regardless of when draw out was submitted/processed **(fees apply prior to books closing).**
d. No doctor or vet release paperwork is needed.
e. After the deadline, no refunds will be given for any reason.

** The draw-out form can be found on www.wpra.com.*

IV. Stalls and RVs

a. Barn will open for check-in Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm.
b. You may check into your reserved stalls and/or RV spaces on the date reserved. Shavings must be purchased in the stall office. No outside shavings allowed. No portable panels or tying horses to trailers overnight is allowed.
c. All stalls will be pre-assigned. If you are traveling in a group and would like all horses to be stalled near each other, one (1) of the members in your group must reserve all stalls to guarantee your stalls will be together.
d. YOU MUST STALL AT NIGHT — after 11:30 pm, horses must be stalled at the Extraco Event Center or taken off site. Tie-outs or the use of portable fences (electric or panel) is strictly prohibited anywhere on the facility. If caught in violation, you will be fined $100 per occurrence and cannot compete until the fine is paid.

e. Stall Pricing
i. Tuesday — Sunday: $135
ii. Wednesday — Sunday: $115
iii. Thursday — Sunday: $95
iv. Friday — Sunday: $70
v. Saturday — Sunday: $35

f. RV Pricing
i. Tuesday — Sunday: $190
ii. Wednesday — Sunday: $155
iii. Thursday — Sunday: $120
iv. Friday — Sunday: $85
v. Saturday — Sunday: $50

V. Health Certificates & Coggins

a. Coggins paperwork is required upon entry to Extraco Events Center.
b. Health Certificate: All out of state horses are required to have a current health certificate. In state horses must comply with any Texas requirements.

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VI. Contestant Requirements

a. Contestants are responsible for having knowledge of applicable WPRA rules and procedures in events entered. These Ground Rules supersede any other rule contained in the WPRA Rule Book.
b. All members entering WPRA classes must be financially eligible at the time entries close, or they will be drawn out.
c. All bills associated with the WPRA World Finals must be settled with the show office before you leave the Extraco Event Center. Failure to settle your bills will result in a $50 service charge.
d. When you are called you must be ready within 60 seconds after which you will be disqualified.
e. All contestants must have a back number, and it must be worn while competing.
f. Dress code is required while in the holding pen.
g. The WPRA at its discretion may video any and all competition runs. They are for WPRA purposes only and do not replace the judge's decision.
h. Horse abuse on the event grounds will not be tolerated.
i. If a contestant is scheduled to compete in both the Coliseum Arena and the Show Pavilion Arena in separate competitions at the same time, the Coliseum Arena will take priority. It is entirely the responsibility of those contestants in possible conflict to bring the situation to the Roping Arena Secretary beforehand so arrangements can be made.

VII. Barrel Racing Event Information and Eligibility

Note: Your membership status (Card, Permit, Active Gold Card, etc.) at the time of your entry determines which barrel events you may enter.

a. ***Boot Barn* Pro Rodeo Barrels — $300 Entry Fee. $15,000 added**
   i. 2026 & 2027 WPRA Card, Pro Rodeo Breakaway Card, Active Gold Card, & Permit
   ii. 2 long rounds + finals. Top 30 aggregate (total on 2) times from the 2 long rounds will be taken back to the finals round. The fastest 3 run aggregate (total on 3) determines the 2026 WPRA World Finals Average Champion.
   iii. 100% of the added money and 75% of the entry fees go into the purse.
   iv. Payoff percentages per chapter 11 in the WPRA Rule Book.
   v. Money won will count toward 2027 WPRA Pro Rodeo World, 2027 Pro Rodeo Rookie World, 2027 Pro Rodeo Texas Circuit and 2027 Pro Rodeo Texas Circuit Rookie Standings.
   vi. Top 2 contestants in the World Finals Average will qualify for 2027 Rodeo Houston. Please see Rodeo Houston ground rules for complete details.
   vii. Permits — **If entering the Pro Rodeo Barrels, you must also enter the Permit Only Barrels.**
      a. Permits will run in the Pro Rodeo Barrels class. Time will carry over to the Permit Only Barrels.
      b. Please refer to section 1.3.5. in the WPRA Rule Book as it pertains to filling a permit as well as the application of additional money won over $1,000.

b. **Permit Only Barrels — $250 Entry Fee. $5,000 added**
   i. 2026 & 2027 WPRA Permit Holders — **Permits must enter this class if also entering Pro Rodeo Barrels**
   ii. 2 long rounds + finals. Top 30 aggregate (total on 2) times from the 2 long rounds will be taken back to the finals round. The fastest 3 run aggregate (total on 3) determines the 2026 WPRA World Finals Average Champion.
   iii. 100% of the added money and 75% of entry fees go into the purse.
   iv. Payoff percentages per chapter 11 in the WPRA Rule Book.

c. ***Markel* Futurity — $300 Entry Fee. $5,000 added**
   i. 2026 & 2027 WPRA Card, Pro Rodeo Breakaway Card, Permit, Active Gold Card
   ii. HORSE MUST BE NOMINATED on or prior to November 1st.
   iii. 2 long rounds only. The fastest 2 run aggregate (total on 2) determines the 2026 WPRA World Finals Average Champion.
   iv. Includes 1 exhibition Thursday, November 12 at 3:00 pm. Exhibitions will be run in draw order.
   v. Will pay 2 long rounds and an aggregate (total on 2).
   vi. 100% of the added money and 75% of entry fees go into the purse.
   vii. Payoff percentages per rule 1.2.6. in the WPRA Rule Book.

d. ***Markel* Derby — $300 Entry Fee. $5,000 added**
   i. 2026 & 2027 WPRA Card, Pro Rodeo Breakaway Card, Permit, Active Gold Card
   ii. HORSE MUST BE NOMINATED on or prior to November 1st.
   iii. 2 long rounds only. The fastest 2 run aggregate (total on 2) determines the 2026 WPRA World Finals Average Champion.
   iv. Includes 1 exhibition Thursday, November 12 at 3:00 pm. Exhibitions will be run in draw order.
   v. Will pay 2 long rounds and an aggregate (total on 2).
   vi. 100% of the added money and 75% of entry fees go into the purse.
   vi. Payoff percentages per rule 1.3.6. in the WPRA Rule Book.

Futurity/Derby Horse Check-In — You must check in at the show office with a copy of your horse's papers.

Check-In Schedule:

- Thursday, November 12, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm — Futurity/Derby Check-In. To get your free exhibition, you must check in at this time with a copy of your papers.
- Thursday, November 12, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm — Futurity/ Derby Check-In, no late fee (no exhibition). Bring a copy of your papers.
- Friday, November 13, 7:00 am - 8:00 am — LATE Futurity/Derby Check-In, $100 late fee/horse, no exhibition. Bring a copy of your papers.
- There will be no check-in's allowed outside of the scheduled check-in times. HORSES NOT CHECKED IN WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

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e. **Divisional Circuit Side Pot — $50 Entry Fee. $500 added**
   i. 2026 & 2027 WPRA Card, Pro Rodeo Breakaway Card, Permit, Active Gold Card
   ii. Side pot from the SATURDAY Pro Rodeo Barrels and Permit Only Barrels and will count towards 2027 applicable standings.
   iii. Only one (1) horse/rider may be entered in this side pot.
   iv. 100% of the added money and 75% of the entry fees go into the purse.

f. **Gold Card Side Pot — $35 Entry Fee. $500 added**
   i. 2026 & 2027 WPRA Active Gold Card holders
   ii. Side pot from the FRIDAY Pro Rodeo Barrels or Elite Race
   iii. You must have a current 2026 or 2027 WPRA Competing/Active Gold Card to be eligible.
   iv. Only one (1) horse/rider may be entered in this side pot.
   v. Does not count toward Divisional Circuit Standings.
   vi. 100% of the added money and 75% of the entry fees go into the purse.

VIII. Horse/Rider Changes

a. Futurity/Derby: Horse and rider changes will be accepted through futurity/derby check-in.
   i. $10 charge for each horse change.
   ii. $25 for each rider change.
b. All other World Finals Classes: Horse changes will be accepted no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the race you are entered in.
   i. There is a $10 charge for every horse change.
   ii. No Rider changes accepted.

IX. WPRA Barrel Race Awards

a. **Barrel Racing Award Presentations**
   i. Year End World (where applicable) and Average awards will be presented in the contestant lounge (glassed in room) in the stall barn.
   ii. Dress code is required for all Year End World and Average Champion presentations.
   iii. If the Year End World Champion or World Finals Average Champion is not present at the World Finals, awards will be shipped to her (at her own expense) or provided to someone that she has designated to receive them for her.
   iv. All Year End & World Finals Average award recipients (Reserve Champion — 3rd) must be present to receive awards. If not present at the time of presentation, the awards will be forfeited or provided to someone that she has designated to receive them for her. There are no exceptions.

b. **Futurity/Derby**
   Year End —
   - Top three (3) in the final Year End World Standings for Futurity 1D, 2D, and Derby are awarded.

   World Finals —
   - Go-round winners for Futurity 1D and Derby will be awarded
   - Finals Champions for Futurity 1D and Derby, and top three (3) in the World Finals Average in Futurity 1D and Derby will be awarded.

c. **Pro Rodeo Barrels**
   World Finals —
   - Go round winners and top (3) in the World Finals Average will be awarded.

d. **Permit Only Barrels**
   World Finals —
   - Go round winners and top (3) in the World Finals Average will be awarded.

e. Value of the awards may be taxable. Cumulative total of all winnings and prizes from the WPRA $2,000 and over will be issued a 1099.
f. A coin toss will break any ties for awards.

X. BARREL RACING REQUIREMENTS

a. Barrel Racing times must be read and recorded by official timer in 1,000ths of a second.
b. Drag after every 5 runs and big drag after every 50 runs. **There will NOT be a condensed drag.**
c. There will be one (1) judge for the barrel race.
d. Equine Medication testing may take place on event grounds.

XI. Filling Your Permit at the WPRA World Finals

a. Money won in the Permit Only Barrels, Pro Rodeo Barrels, and 1D money in the Elite Races counts toward filling your permit.
b. Please refer to section 1.3.5. in the WPRA Rule Book as it pertains to filling a permit as well as the application of additional money won over $1,000.

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XII. SCHEDULE/ROUNDS — Refer to the most current schedule on www.wpra.com for the order of events and updated times.

a. **Futurity**
   i. Futurity — Round One — Friday, November 13 following the Derby in the Coliseum Arena. Random draw.
   ii. Futurity — Round Two — Saturday, November 14 following the Derby in the Coliseum Arena. Reverse order of Round One.

b. **Derby**
   i. Derby — Round One — Friday, November 13 at 8:00 am in the Coliseum Arena. Random draw.
   ii. Derby — Round Two — Saturday, November 14 at 8:00 am in the Coliseum Arena. Reverse order of Round One.

c. **Pro Rodeo Barrels**
   i. Pro Rodeo Barrels— Round One — Friday, November 13 after the Permit Only Barrels in the Coliseum Arena. Round One will be a random draw.
   ii. Pro Rodeo Barrels — Round Two — Saturday, November 14 after the Permit Only Barrels race in the Coliseum Arena. Round Two reverse order of Round One.
   iii. Pro Rodeo Barrels — Short Go — Sunday, November 15 after Permit Only Barrels Short Go in the Coliseum Arena. Will be the top 30 aggregate (total on 2) times from rounds one and two. Random draw.

d. **Permit Only Barrels**
   i. Permit Only Barrels — Round One — Friday, November 13 following the Futurity in the Coliseum Arena. Round One will be a random draw.
   ii. Permit Only Barrels — Round Two — Saturday, November 14 following the Futurity in the Coliseum Arena. Reverse order of Round One.
   iii. Permit Only Barrels — Short Go — Sunday, November 15 at 8:00 am in the Coliseum Arena. Will be the top 30 aggregate (total on 2) times from rounds one and two. Random draw.

XIII. Carry Over Times

a. Pro Rodeo Barrels is eligible to carry over to the following:
   i. Permit Only Barrels (Must be a Permit Holder)
   ii. Futurity (Friday & Saturday)
   iii. Derby (Friday & Saturday)
   iv. Elite Races (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If you don't make the short go, you will be added to the late entry draw for Sunday.)
   v. Gold Card Side pot (Friday, if you are an active WPRA Gold Card Holder.)
   vi. Divisional Circuit side pot (Saturday)

b. Permit Only Barrels is eligible to carry over to the following:
   i. Futurity (Friday & Saturday)
   ii. Derby (Friday & Saturday)
   iii. Elite Races (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If you don't make the short go, you will be added to the late entry draw for Sunday.)
   iv. Divisional Circuit side pot (Saturday)

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