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The San Angelo Rodeo gains Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) sanctioning for Cinch Roping Fiesta

\$100,000 Qualifying Payout for the October start of PRCA Season

San Angelo, TX- October 26th through 28th, 2018 the Cinch Roping Fiesta will award over \$100,000 to tie-down and steer roping contestants, and for the first time in 65 years those monies count as earnings to qualify contestants for the National Finals Rodeo held in Las Vegas every December. The 2019 PRCA earnings season runs from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

As the new opportunity was presented by the PRCA, the San Angelo Roping Committee accepted the contestant friendly proposition which allows winnings to count toward year-end earnings, and cowboys could easily position themselves for an early top 15 ranking qualifying them for the NFR. "Considering the year-end earnings typically needed to qualify for the National Finals Rodeo, a contestant could attend the San Angelo Roping Fiesta and walk away in one day with over 10% of the earnings needed," says San Angelo Rodeo Executive Director Justin Jonas. "If you win at the Cinch Roping Fiesta, you just jumpstarted your entire 2019 season."

Since 1954, San Angelo has hosted this invitational outdoor event which brings a migration of roping fans from across the nation to San Angelo, Texas every October. "It is an event marked with tradition since its inception," says Tony Churchill, Roping Chairman. "The \$20,000 tie-down match between Caleb Smidt and Ryan Jarrett will be a crowd favorite on Saturday, but the champions of the invitational tie-down and steer-roping will drive home with a top ranking in the world standing as they have earned a good share of the \$100,000 payout."

The action kicks off Friday with the Preliminary Qualifying Roping in the 1st Community Credit Union Spur Arena and provides an opportunity for ropers to qualify for Saturday's invitational roping. The Invitational Calf Roping and Match Roping will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Outdoor Roping Arena. Sunday events include the Steer Roping, Double Mugging, and short go finals to the Tom Green County Team Roping, which all begin at noon. The Ultimate Calf Roping (UCR) group will host tie-down roping events all day Friday through Sunday in the 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena bringing in another 300-400 ropers to enjoy the weekend. Ample shopping is available at the Cowboy Christmas Gifts Show in the Foster Communications Coliseum and Housley Communications Cattle Barn with free Admission from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Jody Nix will headline the Saturday Night Dance in the Wells Fargo Pavilion 8:00 PM to Midnight.

Ticket Prices for Outdoor Roping events are \$12 for Saturday and \$10 for Sunday. Admission in the 1st Community Credit Union Spur Arena & Cowboy Christmas Gift Show are free. The dance tickets are \$20. For more information call 325.653.7785 or visit www.sanangelorodeo.com and click on the Cinch Roping Fiesta Tab.