

Cheyenne, WY ground rules

ALL CONTESTANTS - Every entry must pick up his number and sign a release at the Contestant Office prior to competing.

ALL CONTESTANTS - While competing, contestants must wear their own numbers securely pinned on their back in a manner that is visible to the officials and event staff.

STALLS - A limited number of stalls are available on a first come first served basis to entered contestants.

ALL CONTESTANTS - Due to large crowds entering and leaving Frontier Park, traffic will not be conducive for large vehicles and trailers from 4 to 5 PM and 7 PM to 1 AM. Contestants can park at the CFD offsite parking lot off I-25 at 1602 Southwest Drive. Dry camping, stalls, and water for animals will be available.

ALL EVENTS - A contestant may compete on an animal in the Semi-finals or the Finals that he previously competed on in the Quarter Finals.

ALL CONTESTANTS - Parking passes will only be valid for days of competition, semi-finals and finals qualifiers will have to get another parking pass. Please check with the Rodeo Office for other local accommodations with stalls and camping facilities or for circumstances necessary for extended parking.

ALL EVENTS - ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS - 2023-2025 Cheyenne winners for the events entered will be exempt from qualifications.

ALL EVENTS – If the number of entries in an event are less than the pre-established limit for that event, the format may be adjusted by the rodeo committee (with approval from Rodeo Administration) to accommodate the number of entries. The pay-off may also be adjusted to accommodate the format change.

QUALIFICATIONS : BB, SB - 72 minimum entries. No compensation. No slack. 80% top money, 20% top circuit (for previous year/current year percentages, see R1.2.15.1). Additional exemptions from qualification include 2023-2025 Cheyenne BB and SB Champions (only in the event in which they were champions).

FORMAT: BB, SB - All 72 contestants will compete during the Quarter Finals Performances on July 17-22 (12 per performance). The contestant with the six highest scores (plus splits) will advance to the Semi Finals Performances (the 7th, 8th and 9th performances on July 23, 24, and 25). If there are less than six qualified rides in a Quarter Finals Performance, the next highest scores in the other Quarter Finals Performances will advance. If there are less

than 36 contestants with qualified rides to fill the Semi Finals Performances, the committee will have the option to fill the Semi Finals (not to exceed 36) based on 2026 PRCA World Standings who competed and did not have a qualified ride in the Quarter Finals. The contestants with the 4 highest scores from each of the Semi Finals Performances (plus splits) will advance to the Finals on Sunday, July 26. If there are less than 4 qualified rides in one of the Semi Finals Performances, the contestant with the highest score from the other Semi Finals will advance. If there are less than 12 qualified rides in the Semi Finals Performance to fill the Finals, the contestants with the highest scores in the Quarter Finals who are not already qualified will advance.

BB, SB - Placement procedure for Semi-Finals: The contestants advancing from the Quarter Finals performances on July 17th & 18th will be placed in the Semi-Finals performance on Thursday, July 23. The contestants advancing from the Quarter Finals performances on July 19th & 20th will be placed in the Semi-Finals performance on Friday, July 24. The contestants advancing from the Quarter Finals performances on July 21st & 22nd will be placed the Semi Finals performance on Saturday, July 25. Contestants will be allowed to trade in Semi-Finals performances up to 5 PM on the day prior to the 7th performance. Trades will be handled by the rodeo secretary.

BB, SB - In the Semi-Finals, the buck order will be set. Contestants will be drawn randomly to the animal once the buck order is finalized.

QUALIFICATIONS: BR - 60 minimum entries. No compensation. No slack. 70% top money, 30% top circuit (for previous year/current year percentages, see R.1.2.15.1). Additional exemptions from qualification include Rule Book exemptions (R1.2.14.1) and 2023-2025 Cheyenne Bull Riding Champions (only in the event in which they were champions).

FORMAT: BR - All 60 contestant will compete two times, back to back, performance to performance, during the Quarter Finals Performances, July 17-22 (3 sets of 20 contestants competing in the 1st and 2nd perfs, the 3rd and 4th perfs, or the 5th and 6th perfs). The contestants with the 6 highest scores (plus splits) in each Quarter Finals performance will advance to the Semi Finals Performances (7th, 8th, and 9th performances on July 23, 24, and 25). If a contestant qualifies among the top 6 in both of his first and second go-round performances, he will advance based on his highest placing and the contestant with the next highest score in either of the two performances who has not already qualified will advance. If there are less than 36 contestants to fill the Semi Finals Performances, the committee will have the option to fill the Semi Finals (not to exceed 36) based on 2026 PRCA World Standings from the contestants who competed and did not have a qualified ride. The contestants with the highest 4 scores from each of the Semi Finals Performances will advance to the Finals on Sunday, July 26. If there are less than 4 qualified rides in one of

the Semi Finals Performances, the contestant with the highest score from the other Semi Finals Performance who has not already qualified will advance. If there are less than 12 qualified rides in the Semi Finals Performances to fill the Finals, the contestants with the highest ranking in the average from the first two go-rounds who are not already qualified will advance to the Finals. All ties for the last position in the Finals will be accepted.

BR - Placement procedure for the Semi-Finals: The contestants advancing from the Quarter Finals performances on July 17 & 18 will be placed in the Semi-Finals performance on Thursday, July 23. The contestants advancing from the Quarter Finals performances on July 19 & 20 will be placed in the Semi-Finals performance on Friday, July 24. The contestants advancing from the performances on July 21 & 22 will be placed in the Semi Finals performance on Saturday, July 25. Contestants will be allowed to trade in the Semi Finals up to 5 PM on the day prior to the 7th performance. Trades will be handled by the rodeo secretary.

ALL EVENTS - Since there is a payoff every performance and contestants advance to the Semi-Finals or Finals from each performance or "back to back" group, moves due to qualifying for the finals at Salinas will not be allowed.

RE-RIDE ANIMALS - Will be used in the following order: 1.) Designated re-ride(s) for that performance, 2.) Available unused animals (notified turn-outs, doctor releases, and visible injuries) for that performance, 3.) Available unused animals (designated re-rides, notified and non-notified turn-outs, visible injuries, and doctor releases) from previous performances. 4.) Designated re-rides from later performances.

QUALIFICATIONS for TD, SW, and TR: 78 minimum entries. 61 entries will be accepted based on top money, 8 based on top circuit, and 9 from the nine qualifying rodeos for a total of 78 entries. In the Team Roping, 78 headers and 78 heelers will be accepted based on these qualifications. The 78 headers who are accepted must rope with the 78 heelers who are accepted. The winners of the nine qualifying rodeos in each of the timed events (TD, SW, and TR) will be accepted as entries at Cheyenne as long as they enter Cheyenne online during the designated entry period. If the winner of a qualifying rodeo is already accepted based on top money or top circuit, the next highest placed contestant (or team) based on time at the qualifying rodeo who enters will be accepted. Additional exemptions include the 2023, 2024, and 2025 Cheyenne Frontier Days champions in event in which they were champions. If there are not enough contestants in the current year circuit money won category to fill the allotted current year circuit positions, the remaining circuit positions will be filled with contestants from previous year circuit money won.

QUALIFYING RODEOS: The nine qualifying rodeos are: Lufkin TX (April 22-25), Lakeside CA (April 23-26), Kansas City MO (April 30-May 1), Franklin TN (May 14-16), Grand Junction CO (May 22-24), Window Rock AZ (May 28-30), Elizabeth CO (June 5-7) and Coleman TX (June 10-13), Union, OR (June 12-14). The first placed winner in the TD, SW, and TR events at each of these rodeos will be accepted as entries at Cheyenne as long as they enter Cheyenne during the specified times. If the highest placed winner of an event at a qualifying rodeo is accepted for Cheyenne through other qualifications, the next highest placed contestant (or team) at the qualifying rodeo who enters Cheyenne will be accepted. This procedure will be utilized until the position is filled. If first place at a qualifying rodeo is tied by two contestants (or teams), the contestant with the highest ranking based on 2026 money won will be accepted. If a contestant is a first placed winner at more than one of the qualifying rodeos, he will qualify for the rodeo where the most money was won. In the Team roping, if one partner of a team is accepted through other qualifications, the next highest placed contestant in that category (header or heeler) from the qualifying rodeo who enters Cheyenne will be accepted.

TD, SW, TR FORMAT: The 78 total entries will be placed in the first six performances (13 entries per performance). The top five from each of the first six performances (a total of 30 contestants or teams) will advance to the Semi-Finals (7th, 8th, and 9th performances), 12 per performance. The eight contestants (or teams) from each of the first six performances who do not advance to the Semi-Finals performances will compete in a Wild Card Round for additional opportunity to advance to the Semi-Finals performances. The Wild Card Round for the contestants from the first three performances will occur on Monday morning, July 20 at 8:00 AM. The Wild Card Round for the contestants from the 4th, 5th, and 6th performances will occur on Thursday morning, July 23 at 8:00 AM. The top three contestants or teams from each of the Wild Card slacks will advance to the Semi-Finals performances (the 7th, 8th, and 9th performances) in addition to the 30 contestants who have already advanced to the Semi-Finals, for a total of 36 contestants (12 per performance) placed in the Semi-Finals performances. The top four from each of the Semi Finals performances will advance to the Finals for a total of 12 contestants.

TD, SW, TR - Placement procedure for the Semi Finals: the contestants advancing from the Quarter Finals performances on July 17 & 18 will be placed in the Semi Finals performance on Thurs., July 23. The contestants advancing from the Quarter Finals performances on July 19 & 20 will be placed in the Semi Finals performance on Friday, July 24. Contestants advancing July 21 & 22 will be placed in Saturday, July 25 Semi Finals. Contestants will be allowed to trade in the Semi Finals up to 5 PM on the day prior to the 7th performance. Trades will be handled by the rodeo secretary.

TD, SW, TR - In the Semi-Finals, the competition order will be based on money won at Cheyenne. The lowest amount will compete first and the highest amount will compete last. Any ties will be broken by random draw.

TIMED EVENTS: All trades for the Semi-Finals will be done through the rodeo secretary prior to her posted deadline.

QUALIFICATIONS for BAREBACK and SADDLE BRONC: 72 minimum entries. No compensation. No slack. 80% top money. 20% top circuit. (for previous year/ current year percentages, see R1.2.15.1). Additional exemptions from qualification include the 2023-2025 Cheyenne BB and SB champions (only in the event in which they were champions.)

BB and SB FORMAT: The 72 entries will be placed in the first six performances (12 per performance). The contestants with the six highest scores (plus splits) in each performance (for a total of 36 contestants) will advance to the Semi Finals (the 7th, 8th, and 9th performances). There will be 12 contestants in each of the Semi Finals performances. The top four from each Semi-Finals performance will advance to the Finals (10th performance).

QUALIFICATIONS for BULL RIDING: 60 minimum entries. No compensation. No slack. 70% top money. 30% top circuit. (for previous year/ current year percentages, see R1.2.15.1). Additional exemptions from qualification include the 2023-2025 Cheyenne BR champions (only in the event in which they were champions.)

BR FORMAT: The 60 entries will compete two times, back to back (1st and 2nd perfs, 3rd and 4th perfs, or 5th and 6th perfs). The contestants with the six highest scores from each performance will advance to the Semi-Finals performances (the 7th, 8th, and 9th performances.) There will be 12 contestants in each of the Semi Finals performances. The top four from each Semi-Finals performance will advance to the Finals (10th performance).

SW, TR, SR - Event Rep has the option to set the pens for the Semi-Finals & Finals. The pens for the Semi-Finals must be turned into the Rodeo Secretary within ONE hour upon completion of the last performance of the Quarter Finals and the Finals pens must be turned in to the Rodeo Secretary within ONE hour upon the completion of the last Semi-Finals performance. If the Event Rep does not exercise this option, the cattle advancing to the Semi-finals and Finals will be the cattle that were qualified on.

STOCK CHARGES: SW - \$30; TR - \$15 per man; SR - \$160.

TD - Only one loop allowed.

TR - Only two loops allowed. Teams must enter from the back of the box. After a team competes on a steer, the team must release the steer and not impede his progress to the stripping chute. Violation of this is subject to a \$100 fine.

TD, SW, TR, SR - A hand pulled barrier will be used.

SW, SR - The score will be 20 feet.

TR, SR - Steers will be identified with ear-tags only.

SR - Only the first three contestants in each go-round will be required to run in order.

TD, TR - The score will be 30 feet.

TD, SW, TR, SR - Performances: Pens of animals for all performances will be set by the event rep or designee in conjunction with stock contractor, chute boss, and arena director. To best assure an even set for each day the animals will be visually inspected and set accordingly and may be done prior to the first performance as long as there is one animal per entry plus adequate extras.

TIMED EVENT SPLITS - All splits must be made at Chute 9 one hour prior to the start of the performance. Contestants are responsible to check their positions after splits and inform the chute boss if there are any issues.

TD, SW, TR, SR - If a timed event animal escapes or a re-run is given for any other reason, the extra will be used. Only escaped animals go back into the herd. The misdraw procedure will not be used. The contestants receiving a re-run will move to the end of the competition order and run the designated extra. An order of extras will be drawn from the sleepers and/or designated extras.

TIMED EVENTS - Rule 10.1.2.1 will be waived (pertaining to the TE chute gate).

ALL EVENTS: The competition order in the Finals will be based on money won at Cheyenne. The contestant with the lowest amount will compete first and the contestant with the highest amount will compete last. Tie Breaker - BB, SB, BR, TD, SW, TR - In the case of a tie for first place in the Finals, the money allocated for the tied places will be split evenly among the tied contestants. The event champion to receive awards (which may include saddles, buckles, etc) will be tied contestant with the most dollars won. If still tied, in the BB, SB, BR events the tie will be broken by highest score in the Semi-Finals, if still tied the highest score in the Quarter Finals will break the tie. If still tied, in the TD, SW, TR events the tie will be broken by fastest time in the Semi Finals, if still tied the fastest time in the Quarter Finals will break the tie. SR - In the steer roping, if there is a tie for first place in the Finals, the money allocated for the tied places will be split evenly among the tied

contestants. The event champion to receive awards, will be the tied contestant with the fastest time in the average after the first two go-rounds. If still tied, the event champion will be the contestant with the single fastest time in either of the first two go-rounds.

SR - 125 minimum entries. No compensation. Contestants with no money won in 2025 or 2026 (as of 7 days prior to entry closing) who have entered the steer roping event at less than 7 rodeos in 2025 and 2026 combined will not be accepted as entries. Additional exemptions: 2023-2025 Cheyenne Steer Roping Champions. Two go-rounds plus a top 12 finals. All 125 contestants will compete in both go-rounds during the slack (time and date to be determined). The top 12 in the average will advance to the finals on July 26. Each go-round will be paid. No average payoff. There will be a \$80 stock charge per go-round per contestant. A hand pulled barrier will be used. Only one loop will be allowed.

PAY-OUT : BB, SB - \$100,000 added plus \$18,000 from entry fees (72 contestants times \$250) equals \$118,000. \$118,000 minus 6% (\$7,080) equals \$110,920 to be included in the pay-off. Quarter Finals (the 1st six performance) will each pay:

1st - \$2,300

2nd - \$1,800

3rd - \$1,300

4th \$750

5th \$420

Total: \$6,570 times 6 performances equals: \$39,420.

Semi Finals (the 7th, 8th, 9th performances) will each pay:

1st - \$3,000

2nd - \$2,500

3rd - \$2,000

4th \$1,500

5th \$1,000

6th - \$500

Total: \$10,500 times 6 performances equals: \$31,500.

Finals: (10th performance) will pay:

1st - \$12,000 (30%)

2nd - \$9,200 (23%)

3rd - \$6,800 (17%)

4th \$4,400 (11%)

5th \$2,800 (7%)

6th - \$2,000 (5%)

7th - \$1,600 (4%)

8th - \$1,200 (3%)

Total: \$40,000

BR Pay-out: \$100,000 added plus \$15,000 from entry fees (60 contestants times \$250) equals \$115,000. \$115,000 minus 6% (\$7,080) equals \$108,100 to be included in the pay-off. Quarter Finals (the 1st six performance) will each pay:

1st - \$2,100

2nd - \$1,650

3rd - \$1,200

4th \$800

5th \$350

Total: \$6,100 times 6 performances equals: \$36,600.

Semi Finals (the 7th, 8th, 9th performances) will each pay:

1st - \$3,000

2nd - \$2,500

3rd - \$2,000

4th \$1,500

5th \$1,000

6th - \$500

Total: \$10,500 times 6 performances equals: \$31,500.

Finals: (10th performance) will pay:

1st - \$12,000 (30%)

2nd - \$9,200 (23%)

3rd - \$6,800 (17%)

4th \$4,400 (11%)

5th \$2,800 (7%)

6th - \$2,000 (5%)

7th – \$1,600 (4%)

8th – \$1,200 (3%)

Total: \$40,000