

Welcome to the  
National Senior Pro Rodeo Association

**RODEO  
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INFORMATION**





## **To Prospective NSPRA Rodeo Committees:**

We have enclosed some information about the National Senior Pro Rodeo, and are pleased that you are giving some consideration to having a sanctioned rodeo.

Here are some numbers to keep in mind. The minimum added money for each rodeo is \$1,000.00; that's \$250.00 in the events of Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, and Steer Wrestling; The suggested added money for each rodeo is \$2,250: \$300 in the events of Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding and Steer Wrestling. \$150 in each age category for Team Roping, and \$100 for each age category for Ribbon Roping; \$50.00 in each age category for Calf Roping and Ladies Barrel Racing, and \$50.00 for Ladies Breakaway and Men's Breakaway. Our contestants compete in three age categories, 40-50, 50-60, and 60+, and in Calf Roping there is also a 68+ age group. Ladies Breakaway competes together in a combined age group of 40+. Men's breakaway roping is a sanctioned event. Men's breakaway age group is 65+. In 2017, the Team Roping has two age groups, 40-59 and 60+.

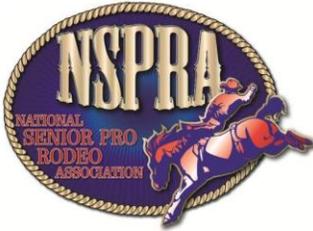
Included in this packet is information regarding judges, secretaries, and a timeline for producing your rodeo. If you sign up to put on a rodeo, the NSPRA will then provide you with a copy of the NSPRA Rodeo Manual, which has more in-depth information on producing and promoting your rodeo.

We are ready to assist in any way we can and look forward to working together to help your committee put on a successful rodeo. To schedule your rodeo dates, please contact Sanction Chairman Butch Terrell at 970-227-5876. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the National Office at 928-684-9566.

# Considerations for New Rodeos

Before deciding whether to produce an NSPRA Rodeo, you might want to look at the following check list to see if you have the facilities, personnel and determination to produce a successful rodeo.

- Can your committee demonstrate a sound financial program, including insurance and added money for contestants?
- Are you willing and able to comply with NSPRA rules regarding use of NSPRA personnel, animal and contestant safety?
- Can you provide an adequate rodeo secretary's office, complete with Telephone (cell phone is fine)?
- Are your stock pens sturdy and safe?
- Can you provide a sled and pen for injured animals? Can you provide a veterinarian?
- Can you provide an ambulance for every performance? First-aid personnel? A doctor?
- Are your bucking chutes safe and well-constructed? Do you have an adequate timed event chute?
- Is your arena fenced adequately for contestant and spectator safety?
- Can you prepare your arena floor for optimum stock and contestant safety?
- Are your grandstands safe and clean? Do you have adequate concession and sanitation facilities?
- Can you provide adequate parking areas for spectators and contestants?
- Can you provide RV hookups?
- Will you provide stalls for contestant's horses?



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## **Sanction Information**

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The following items must be considered and addressed in your application:

- Demonstrate a sound financial program
- Comply with NSPRA rules
- Provide an adequate rodeo secretary's office
- Provide an ambulance, first aid personnel, and/or doctor
- Bucking chutes/timed event chutes must be safe and well-constructed
- Stock pens must be sturdy and safe
- Provisions for handling injured animals and a veterinarian either on site or on call
- Arena to be maintained adequately for contestant and spectator safety
- Grandstands are clean and safe and area has adequate concession and sanitation facilities
- Adequate parking for spectators
- Adequate parking for contestant rigs (trucks and living quarter horse trailers)
- Stalls for contestant horses or an allowance for personal portable stalls or for horses to be tied to trailers in parking area

### **Sanctioning:**

All rodeo sanction requests must be filed and approved no later than 45 day prior to the first performance. We encourage you to file your sanction requests months in advance so that you can receive proper advertising in our association's newspaper and on our website [www.seniorrodeo.com](http://www.seniorrodeo.com). Please be sure to contact the NSPRA Sanction Chairman to schedule your rodeo prior to sending in your sanction forms to ensure the dates you want are available.

### **Fees to the NSPRA:**

A \$100 refundable rodeo bond should be sent in with your Date Request Form to hold your date. To mark you as a confirmed rodeo, you will need to send in your sanction information along with your sanction fee of \$100 for each rodeo. Your rodeo secretary will collect the other NSPRA fees from the contestants and send those fees to us with her rodeo books.

### **Entry Fees:**

A minimum of \$40 per person, per sanctioned event is required for entry fees. Currently most rodeo committees set their entry fees at \$75-\$100 with higher entry fees set when added money is substantially increased.

### **Added Money:**

**REQUIRED:** \$1000 must be added to at least one rodeo. The breakdown is as follows: \$250 to steer wrestling and \$250 to each of the three riding events (bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding).

**DESIRED:** Ideally the minimum added money for each rodeo is \$2,250; that is \$300 in the riding events (bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding) and steer wrestling; \$150 in each age category for team roping, \$100 in each age category for the ribbon roping; \$50 in each age category for tie down roping and men's and ladies breakaway roping and \$50 in each age category for ladies barrel racing.

Our contestants compete in three age categories: 40-49, 50-59 and 60+ and in the tie down roping there is also a 68+ age group. Men's breakaway age group is 65+. Team roping competes in two age categories, 40-59 and 60+. Rodeo committees are encouraged to increase the amount of added money in the riding events and steer wrestling to attract more rough stock contestants and thereby pleasing the paying audience. **Note: If you are having more than one rodeo and you are only adding money to one, you must DESIGNATE which day will have the added money.**

### **Stock Contractors:**

All stock contractors must be approved by the Sanction Committee and must have a current NSPRA membership card which shall cost \$50 annually. Your stock contractor should also be given the sheet entitled "Attention All NSPRA Timed Event Stock Contractors". This sheet gives them the basic rules pertaining to cattle provided for a NSPRA rodeo. Realizing the unique characteristics of participants in the NSPRA, stock contractors must be responsible for providing suitable stock for the contestants.

### **Rodeo Secretary:**

You may have on your committee someone who can be the rodeo secretary. Your stock contractor may also be willing to provide a rodeo secretary. In either case, the rodeo secretary needs to have a secretary card with the NSPRA at a cost of \$20 per year. She can buy a combination secretary/timer's card if she prefers (also \$20/year). The rodeo committee or stock contractor, according to which entity provides the arena secretary, will be responsible for the secretary's mistakes or discrepancies in the payoff or in handling of the entry fees.

### **Timers:**

You will need to provide two timers for the rodeo. Your stock contractor may be able to provide the timers. Timers must purchase an NSPRA Timer's card at a cost of \$20 per year. Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for a sickness or injury or by the request of an Association official because of the timer's incompetence or with an agreement of the stock contractor, rodeo committee and Association official. Timers must work from the same location for the duration of the rodeo.

### **Judges:**

A rodeo committee may request specific judges to judge your rodeo; however, final determination is up to our Judging Coordinator. All judges must hold a NSPRA Judges Card at a cost of \$20 per year. Judges must be certified by the Judging Coordinator prior to judging a rodeo. Clinics are held at different rodeos throughout the year to train and improve the NSPRA Judging Program.

The rodeo committee is responsible for paying each judge a minimum of \$200 per day. The judges additionally receive \$0.50 per contestant per rodeo; this fee is paid by the contestants.

**Entries:**

The NSPRA has a in house central entry system. No contestant, either a local permit holder or NSPRA member may enter a NSPRA rodeo without going through the central entry. Each contestant is charged a rodeo entry fee for each rodeo which is collected by the local secretary and then sent to the NSPRA. Entries are normally taken on Tuesdays approximately 10 days prior to the rodeo(s). Every conversation whether an entry or a call back is recorded on tape and each contestant is given a verification number for that conversation. The Rodeo Entry Office provides the complete contestant list to all rodeo secretaries. In addition, they provide completed judges' and timers' sheets and draw sheets. They will also send the committee secretary the positions drawn and the rodeo program to use for each slack and each performance. We strongly suggest that you run an ad in your local papers, about 4 weeks prior to the rodeo to inform local contestants who are not NSPRA members about your rodeo and how to enter on a permit.

CENTRAL ENTRY# 928-684-9566 (published hours only)  
RELEASE LINE # 928-684-9566

If a contestant who has entered your rodeo later needs to release or turn out of the rodeo, it must be done no less than 3 hours prior to the time they are scheduled to compete (slack or performance) or they will owe their entire entry fees.

**Permit System:**

With the permit system, a local contestant can enter all the rodeos at a location for \$10.00 per rodeo. The only qualification is that they be 40 years old or older. This will help you draw local crowd favorites who might not otherwise enter the rodeo. Be sure to publish in your local paper(s) the date of entry along with the needed phone numbers and all permit information.

Please let local contestants know that the permit fee, entry fees and office charges must be paid in advance on the entry date or guaranteed by a member in good standing. They can call the National Office at 928-684-9566 and pay these fees with a credit card. Effective 2017, membership must be purchased prior to competing for points to count.

**Rodeo Times:**

Slack held any time prior to the first performance must be advertised in at least one issue of the official publication of the NSPRA, and on its website. Slack will not be permitted to follow the final performance without approval.

**Grand Entry:**

We have someone who carries the United States and Canadian flag to your rodeo along with our sponsor's flags and banners. Room must be provided on the arena fence for our sponsor's banners. The sponsor's flags are to be carried during Grand Entry. We suggest you talk to your local rodeo queen and/or high school rodeo club to help with the flag carrying of your sponsor's flags as well as the NSPRA's sponsors' flags. Many of our members will volunteer to carry these flags in Grand Entry if you don't have any volunteers available.

**Events:**

All NSPRA rodeos must have 10 standard events (Bareback, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Ribbon Roping, Saddle Bronc, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, and Men's and Ladies Breakaway Roping) unless the Association grants special permission. A rodeo committee may do exhibition runs however the runs must follow runs made by our competing contestants. A rodeo committee may also include events for the younger set (such as mutton bustin' or stick horse races) or a businessman roping. These are big crowd pleasers and adding these events to your show will bring in more people to your stands!

**Bullfighters:**

All NSPRA sanctioned rodeos must have an approved bullfighter in the arena during the bull riding event for each performance and slack if slack is necessary. Failure to comply with this rule will subject the producer or committee to a \$100 fine for the first offence, fine will be doubled for each offense. The Stock Contractor may be able to provide bullfighter for you.

**Ambulance & EMT:**

The rodeo committee is required to furnish an ambulance or first aid vehicle for all rodeo performances where rough stock events are held. Identifiable EMTs must be available during slack times.

**Insurance:**

Each rodeo committee is responsible for obtaining a spectator liability insurance policy. It is the policy of the NSPRA to have the "National Senior Pro Rodeo Association, Inc." named as an additional insured on your policy in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.

**Cancellations:**

A rodeo committee may cancel its rodeo no later than 45 days prior to the rodeo date. No cancellation of a performance will be permitted within 45 days of the rodeo date unless the opinions of the committee chairman, stock contractor and NSPRA officials deem it a physical impossibility to hold the performance.

**Volunteers & Equipment:**

One of the keys to a successful rodeo is having enough help and good equipment on hand to maintain the arena. Your volunteers should have experience handling stock and working gates and chutes. Having someone who knows what they are doing in charge of the bucking and timed event chutes can make all the difference in the professional production of your rodeo. To avoid injuries to the horses our members ride, the arena should be thoroughly watered and then worked with a rake or drag the two weeks prior to your rodeo. A tractor with a rake/drag needs to be on site during the rodeo to rake during the Barrel Racing and Ribbon Roping. Appropriate barrels also need to be available.

**Stock and Facility Charges**

Committees may charge contestants a stock charge of a maximum \$20 per run in timed events and reasonable charge for rough stock events, plus a one-time facility fee of no more than \$10 per contestant per location.

## **WHAT DO I DO NOW?**

Call the NSPRA Sanction Chairman to discuss any questions you might have **or** to schedule your rodeo. Once you decide to put on a NSPRA rodeo and have your date scheduled, the next steps are simple:

- 1) Fill in your Date Request Form and send it along with the \$100 rodeo bond to the NSPRA National Office to hold your dates.
- 2) Fill out your sanction form and mail it to the NSPRA National Office along with our sanction fee of \$100 per rodeo. As soon as the office has these items we can mark you as a “Confirmed Rodeo” and start advertising your rodeo on our website, and in our association’s newspaper.

**Once confirmed, we will mail an NSPRA Rodeo Manual with detailed information.**

We cannot emphasize enough that getting enough sponsors signed on to support your rodeo is one of the most important things you can do to ensure a successful rodeo! Contestants and their families come into your town and make it a point to visit those businesses that support your rodeo. While many committees hit the feed, ranch and western wear apparel stores, don’t forget places like restaurants, coin operated laundry businesses, gas stations, chiropractors, and hardware stores. When our members come into your town, these places are businesses they need while they are away from home.

**NSPRA is here to assist in making your rodeo a success.**

**For further information, contact:**

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