



**INFR 2023
JR/SR EVENT
GROUND RULES**

The official 2020 INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO RULES AND BYLAWS including all amendments shall apply at the INFR unless otherwise specified in these Ground Rules. Where a conflict arises between these Ground Rules and the INFR Rules and Bylaw, these Ground Rules prevail.

ALL TIMES ARE PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (PDT)

There will be 32 contestants competing in the Timed Events and 24 contestants competing in the Junior (Jr.) Bull Riding.

1. PERFORMANCES, GO ROUNDS AND DRAWS:

There shall be 2 go rounds with 32 contestants competing in the Timed Events and 24 contestants competing in the Jr. Bull Riding in each go-round per event, or a number determined by the INFR. The first round will be on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The second round will be on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. with the top 10 competitors in both Time Events and Jr. Bull Riding on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

1st Go Round – Thursday, October 26, 2023

1:00 pm: Timed Event Contestants and Jr. Bulls will compete in the positions drawn.

2nd Go Round – Friday, October 27, 2022

1:00 pm: Timed Event Contestants and Jr. Bulls will compete in reverse order.

Championship Saturday, October 28, 2023

11:00 am Top 10 in the Timed Events and Top 10 in Jr. Bulls after two go rounds will compete.

EXCEPTION: Barrel Racing order shall be randomly drawn for the Championship Round. There will be no DRAWBACKS

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS:

Jr/Sr Tour Champions will be awarded during the back number ceremony in the arena on Thursday, October 26 at 10:00 am.

2. CONTESTANT CHECK IN TIMES

- a. Every contestant is REQUIRED to report and register in person to the INFR Check-In at the stall area from 8 am to 3 pm, Wednesday, October 25, 2023. All Contestants are required to attend a mandatory contestant meeting in the arena at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday October 25, 2023.
- b. Every contestant is REQUIRED to check in for the Scoreboard and group pictures in full western attire (western shirt, hat and boots) on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at the following times:

9:00 am	Jr. Barrel Racing
9:10 am	Jr. Breakaway Roping
9:20 am	Jr. Bulls – Bring gear bag for equipment check with judges.
9:30 am	Sr. Breakaway Roping
9:40 am	Sr. Team Roping
10:00 am	Jr/Sr Back Number Ceremony and contestant meeting and event group pictures in arena.
- c. Any contestant missing these deadlines 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.

MISCELLANEOUS

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 (e.g. roping boxes, bucking chutes, and while assisting other contestants) and other INFR designated events. Contestant failing to comply with this rule shall be fined \$50.00.

- a. Any contestant who damages or destroys any property of Southpoint, will be held fully responsible for their actions and may be ineligible to purchase a membership with the INFR.
- b. There will be a zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol. Any contestant under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while competing will be disqualified. Any Jr. Contestant found under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at any time during the INFR will be disqualified and ordered to leave the Southpoint premises.

Open riding for Jr/Sr's in the main arena will be from 9am-11am Thursday October 26, 2023, and Friday, October 27, 2023. Riding in a designated practice arena may be optional.

- c. In recognition of the sponsors, contestants are asked to wear the following:
 - *Thursday, October 26, 2023: **PINK - Breast Cancer Awareness**
 - *Friday, October 27, 2023: **PURPLE OR GRAY - Diabetes Awareness Day**
 - *Saturday, October 28, 2023: **RED, WHITE OR BLUE - Veteran's Day**

3. BACK NUMBERS

- a. Every contestant is REQUIRED to attend the back-number reception to be held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, October 25, 2023, to be formally introduced and for group pictures. Proper rodeo attire is REQUIRED. Failure to attend and or not in proper rodeo attire will result in a \$50 fine.

4. GRAND ENTRY/GO ROUND/WORLD CHAMPION INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Contestants are required to participate in the Grand Entry.
- b. Go Round winners are required to take an introductory lap after each performance.
- c. World Champions are required to take an introductory lap during the Championship performance and are required to report to the arena floor immediately following the performance for

presentation of awards.

- d. Contestants shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for failing to take introductions.

5. SPONSORSHIP LOGOS

- a. Sponsorship logos must be placed on contestant shirts in a professional manner and must be in good taste. The INFR reserves the right to ban certain logos not in good taste or not in keeping with the interests of the INFR.
- b. To have your sponsor announced, it must be approved by the INFR Commission and will be an additional charge of \$500 for the week of the INFR.

6. 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 failure to comply with this rule. Attaching a back number to your saddle pad is not permitted.

7. ORDER OF EVENTS – ROUNDS 1 & 2

1. All Jr Barrels
2. 1st section of Jr. Bulls
3. All Sr Breakaway Roping
4. 1st section Sr. Team Roping
5. All Jr. Breakaway Roping
6. 2nd Section Sr. Team Roping
7. 2nd section of Jr. Bulls

8. ENTRY FEE, PRIZE MONEY AND PAY OUT

- a. Contestant entry fees will be as determined from by the INFR.
- b. Prize money per event will be as determined by the INFR.
**Prize money for INFR 2023 per event: \$7,500.00 Jr. events; \$7,500.00 Sr events
Team Roping: \$15,000.00 (\$7,500.00 per end)**
- c. Payouts will be posted prior to start of first go round.
- d. The 1st and 2nd rounds will pay 25% each of the total purse. The short Go Round (top 10) will pay 10% of the total purse. Average will pay 40% of the total purse.
- e. There will be no ground money paid.

9. WORLD CHAMPIONS

- a. The World Champions in each event shall be the contestant who wins the “aggregate” on 3 go-rounds in accordance with the official timers’ and judges’ records.
- b. In the event of a tie, the winners will be declared co-champions.

10. TIMED EVENTS

Roping Events will be timed to the hundredth (100th) of a second. Jr. Barrel Racing will be timed to the thousandth (1000th) 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.

11. 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 judges 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. R7.13.4 Legal Catch. The only legal catch will be a bell collar catch. Any other catch will be called a "no time". A bell collar catch is defined as passing over the head completely, pulling tight behind the ears with no extremities in the loop or figure eight over the tail. Contestant is allowed only one loop.
- c. If an 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.

12. JR. BARREL RACING

- a. Contestants shall "Run In" and keep in forward motion (Per WPRA Rules). The gate will be open for "Run Out" exit. Contestants who fail to do so shall be verbally warned for 1st offense, 2nd offense will result in a fine and-thereafter, fines will be progressive.
- 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.
- d. Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when her name is called by the announcer or judge.
- e. Barrels will be raked before the start of the barrel racing event and after the 8th barrel racer in each performance.
- f. Barrels will be raked after the 5th barrel racer in the short round.
- g. In the event a contestant is awarded a re-run, the re-run will be at the end of the go-round and no raking of the ground will be done.
- h. Helper can only go to the end of the tunnel and must be dressed in western attire.
- i. Absolutely no working your barrel horses around the barrel markers or setting up barrels on markers while riding in arena. A violation of this Rule will result in a \$50 fine and possible disqualification.
- j. Positions in each round, including the 3rd and Championship round shall be randomly drawn.

13. 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 the judges 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).

14. 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 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 the contestant's horse is not cooperating.

The fines applicable are as follows:

- 1st offense: \$50 fine.
- 2nd offense: \$100 fine.
- 3rd offense" \$150 fine
- 4th offense: \$200 fine

The judges will have the discretion to instruct the contestant (or hazer if applicable) to get on a different horse if the horse is the cause of the delay. Where a prolong delay is the result of the animal not cooperating in any manner e.g. lying down, and it appears it will not cooperate, the judges, in their discretion can offer the contestant to compete on a spare animal.

15. RIDING EVENTS

JR. BULL Riding

- a. Contestants will ride bulls.
- b. Contestants will ride one handed for six seconds.
- c. Contestants will be required to wear safety vests and helmets. This equipment will be checked at the contestant check in time.

16. 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. Contestant not complying with this Rule will be fined or disqualified.
- b. Contestants "soaking" or repeatedly pulling their livestock will be fined \$50 and or disqualified.
- c. There will be a 45 second time limit in the bucking chute for a contestant to call for his stock. The rule will not apply if the delay is the result of the stock drawn. The clock will start when the animal before you leave 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 and does not start over.

The judges will have the discretion to instruct the contestant to get on a different animal if the animal is

the cause of the delay. Where a prolong delay is the result of the animal not cooperating in any manner e.g. lying down or chute fighting, and it appears it will not cooperate, the judges, in their discretion can offer the contestant to compete on a spare animal.

The fines for not complying with the above will be as follows:

1st offense: \$50 fine.

2nd offense: \$100 fine.

3rd offense" \$150 fine

4th offense: \$200 fine.

17. 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 before contestant calls for his stock.
- 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 if he will take the re-ride. 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 awarded and during the same event, if possible, except in the case of injuries or unusual circumstances.
- f. If re-ride stock is used up, any additional re-rides shall be drawn from next available unused animals. Under these conditions, the animal to be ridden at the discretion of the 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.

17. STALLS

- a. Stalls will be available to all contestants at a specified price to be determined according to when a stall is reserved. The prices will differ if stalls are reserved online at INFR.org before the start of the INFR from when a stall is purchased during stall check-ins on Monday, October 23, 2023.
- b. Your horse stall cannot also be used as a tack room. Separate stalls can be purchased for use as a tack room for the price determined as per above.
- c. Contestants are NOT allowed to create or panel off a makeshift stall on the Southpoint property. Contestants creating or paneling off a makeshift stall will be fined \$500.00.
- d. No Contestant can house or tie up horses out in the back by the Contractors. If any contestant is doing this it will result in a possible fine and disqualification from the INFR.
- e. Contestants are reminded to keep their stalls clean. Failure to do so will result in a fine.
- f. Contestants are expected to adhere to Stall Rules of the Southpoint Equestrian Center.
- g. An area will be designated where horses stalled off property and hauled in before each performance are to be unloaded and tied up. Tying horses and parking in undesignated areas will result in a fine.

19. DRAWING OUT

- a. INFR contestants shall not compete in another rodeo during INFR 2023.
- 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 depending on where the drawing-out contestant qualified from. 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 Sr/Jr events in the INFR, except another team roping contestant competing in the INFR. The team will be eligible for go round money only but NOT A CHAMPIONSHIP.

20. DRAW OUTS

- a. If a contestant turns out of a round due to medical reasons, the contestant will be allowed to compete in the following round(s) with doctor approval. No fine will be assessed for medical turn outs with medical release.
- b. If a contestants turns out of a round due to non-medical reasons and notified the INFR office prior to the performance, the contestant will be allowed to compete in the following round upon paying a \$200 fine.
- c. Entry fees will be forfeited in the event a contestant draws out of the INFR.
- d. Any non-notified turn outs contestant will be assessed a \$500 fine and will be ineligible to compete in any remaining rounds.

21. UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS TO STOCK

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

22. CONTESTANT / COMPANION PASSES

- a. Each contestant will be given a contestant pass for admission to the rodeo and barn area and will be allowed to purchase up to one companion pass during contestant check-in only.
- b. If a contestant is caught selling, exchanging and/or allowing others to use their pass to get into the rodeo, he/she will be fined a maximum of \$500.00 and/or disqualified.**
- c. Each employee or official will have an official identification or badge.
- d. Only contestants with passes will be allowed to use the doors to enter and exit the arena from the stall area.
- e. If a contestant needs a helper's pass one must be purchased before a pass is provided. A companion pass or helpers pass is required to enter the stall/arena area.
- f. No contestants will be allowed access to the stock pens behind the Southpoint where the bucking stock is housed. Violation will result in a \$100.00 fine.

23. PARKING

INFR Contestants and Personnel shall park in designated areas.

24. OFFICES

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

25. STOCK

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

26. JUDGES

Judges' decisions are final.

27. 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.

28. DISPUTES

In the event a contestant has a concern and/or disputes, he/she will first bring the concern/dispute to their event director. The event director will bring the dispute to the INFR Judges. Only if needed, the Judges may consult with the INFR Commissioners to determine a resolution.

29. HARASSMENT

Harassment of any kind towards any INFR official, secretary, timer, judge, commissioner or personnel will NOT be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant and removal from the premises. This includes family of Jr./Sr. contestants.

30. YOUTH AND JUNIOR (MINOR) CONTESTANTS

Contestants 18 years and younger must have their grades filed with the INFR office prior to the INFR and before draws are done. Grades filed must be passing grades for eligibility to compete in the INFR. Contestants with failing grades will be drawn out.

All minors' paperwork must be accompanied with parents' or guardians' signature. The Southpoint Liability Release is to be signed at check-in by the contestant and the parent or guardian.