



# Indian National Finals Rodeo

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To INFR Members

This letter is sent out with the intention of clarifying what the INFR is planning for INFR 2020 and what the role is of the Regions.

We must impress that the INFR is not forcing members to rodeo nor is it forcing Regions to host rodeos. What we encourage is, if rodeos are hosted, that vigilance is practiced for yourself and family to ensure safety from this pandemic.

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted our Native communities to a degree very few have seen before. Our rodeo season has been impacted to a huge extent and some communities have already cancelled Tours and Region rodeos and related fairs.

The INFR remains optimistic that INFR 2020 will happen again this year.

After the last meeting with the Regions on May 5, The Regions all confirmed that they wanted to remain involved by sending 1 qualifier to INFR 2020.

The INFR asked the regions to send in a plan (just the plan not the format) of how they would proceed in getting the qualifiers to the INFR.

**For Example – Reminder this is just an example**

## EXAMPLE

Region A – The following is the proposed plan for Region A for the 2020 INFR.

- Option 1 - Region A will host 3 region rodeos in the months of July/August with a finals in September and take the year end winner from the above rodeos.
- Option 2 – If Region A cannot do Option 1, we will – Host 2 region rodeos in August and take the average winner of those 2 rodeos.
- Option 3 – If Region A cannot do any of the above options, we will host a Qualifier and take the winners from each of the events to the INFR.

INFR members (regardless of what region they entered on the application) are eligible to complete in any of the regions.

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The INFR will look at what the regions are proposing, and they will approve the region process as it is or with recommendations.

INFR 2020 will only take **20** contestants per event:

One contestant from each Region is what is in the INFR Plan is at this point. The INFR will be planning accordingly on how the other 8 contestants will qualify to the INFR, i.e. tour rodeo standings, INFR qualifier(s) or something other. Once the INFR has a plan in place it will be sent to all regions and members via – social media, website.

Other details such as the number of days over which to host the Finals, number of go-rounds, and other production details will be unveiled as we move forward with our plan.

Regions were encouraged stay in touch and consult with their members.

We hope this helps in answering and clarifying some questions. It is important to keep in mind this is an exceptional year for INFR 2020 under exceptional circumstances.

Again, we thank you all for your patience and continued support and we will keep you posted as plans move forward. Thank you and if you have any questions please contact our office.

INFR Staff and Commissioners