

PRESS RELEASE  
INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

**Indian National Finals Rodeo Outlines 2021 Season**

Browning, MT (March 26, 2021) – The Indian National Finals Rodeo is moving forward and scheduling events for their 2021 rodeo season!

The following is a tentative summary of how the 2021 INFR season will work and how member contestants can qualify for the 2021 Indian National Finals Rodeo October 19-23, 2021 at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

The INFR will be sanctioning standard Tour Rodeos (\$2,000-\$4,999 added per open event, \$500 per JR/SR) and Tour Rodeos with an Automatic Qualifier (\$5,000+ added per open event, \$1,000 per JR/SR). We will also be hosting a Last Chance Qualifier.

To qualify for the 2021 INFR a contestant must be a 2021 INFR Member. There will be 3 ways a member contestant can qualify to the 2021 INFR. You can only qualify one time per event. A contestant can qualify via the:

1. INFR Tour Rodeo Standings
2. INFR Tour Rodeo Automatic Qualifiers
3. INFR Last Chance Qualifiers

INFR Tour Rodeo Standings – Members will compete at INFR sanctioned Tour Rodeos throughout the season. Tour standings will be kept based on money won. All INFR Tour Rodeo rules will apply according to the INFR Rule Book. All Tour Rodeos will count towards the INFR Tour standings money won. Money won at the Last Chance Qualifiers will not count towards tour standings. A determined number of contestants will qualify to the INFR via the Tour standings.

INFR Tour Rodeo Automatic Qualifiers – Any INFR sanctioned Tour Rodeo with added money of \$5,000+ per event in the open and \$1,000 per event in the JR/SR will be considered an INFR Automatic Qualifier. The winners of each event will automatically qualify for the 2021 INFR. If an Automatic Qualification is won by a contestant that has already qualified, the second-place contestant receives the qualification spot. In the team roping you automatically qualify as a TEAM, if a team turns down its Automatic Qualification or one of the teammates has already qualified, the second-place team will qualify. Any ties, both contestants qualify.

INFR Last Chance Qualifiers – The INFR will host a Last Chance Qualifier for timed events in Las Vegas, NV the weekend prior to the INFR as part of the timed event cattle run through. A Last Chance Qualifier for the rough stock will be held at a date and location to be determined. All INFR members will be able to enter the Last Chance Qualifiers. Only contestants that have not yet qualified for the INFR will qualify to the INFR via the Last Chance Qualifiers. Team ropers must qualify as a team at the last chance qualifier.

\*The INFR is watching restrictions as they pertain to Canada closely. As the season progresses, the INFR will consider options for our Canadian members.

Qualifications to the INFR – The order of INFR qualifications will be as follows. Automatic Qualifiers contestants must take their qualification. Team ropers however may turn down their Automatic Qualification immediately if they are wanting to try and qualify with a different partner. The next group of INFR contestants will be taken from the INFR Tour standings. The final contestants to the INFR will come from the Last Chance Qualifier in that order.

The INFR will take 32 contestants in the timed events and 24 contestants in the rough stock events to the finals. The following is a tentative breakdown of the number of contestant qualifiers:

Timed Events: 5 Automatic Qualifier contestants  
17 Tour Standings contestants  
10 Last Chance Qualifier contestants  
32 Total Contestants

Rough Stock: 5 Automatic Qualifier contestants  
14 Tour Standings contestants  
5 Last Chance Qualifier contestants  
24 Total Contestants

\*The above breakdown may change if there are more/less than 5 Automatic Qualifier events, Automatic Qualifier ties or for any other unforeseen reason. The final breakdown will be posted no later than July 1, 2021.

Events dates and updates will be posted via social media. You can also visit [www.INFR.org](http://www.INFR.org) for complete event details and to purchase your 2021 INFR Membership.

The INFR is a 501c3 nonprofit organization devoted to enhancing and keeping Indian professional rodeo alive. Visit our website at [www.INFR.org](http://www.INFR.org) for more information.