

2023

RTR GROUND RULES

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS PRO RODEO SERIES

- 1.) The Steamboat Springs Pro Rodeo Series (SSPRS) hosts an unsanctioned Regional Team Roping (RTR) competition in conjunction with each PRCA ProRodeo performance.
- 2.) The RTR is open to Headers and Heelers whose Total Handicap, as determined by Global Handicaps, does not exceed eleven (11). During the entry process, (described in Rules 12-14 below), both the header's and heeler's current Global Handicap must be provided verbally. At the time entry fees are paid, both contestants must be prepared to verify their handicap if questioned. (Acceptable verification would be the contestant accessing the Global Handicap system on their smartphone.)
- 3.) In the event a contestant does not have a Global Handicap, they may estimate the handicap they believe they deserve based on widely accepted indicators of ability and experience.
- 4.) If an individual's estimated handicap is thought to be too low, it may be challenged by other RTR contestants. This challenge may be made even after the competition has taken place.
- 5.) The review of the estimated handicap will be performed by a randomly selected panel of RTR contestants from that rodeo that have "current" Global Handicaps, as well as the Livestock Superintendent. (By competing in the RTR, every contestant with a Global Handicap agrees to serve on such a review panel if asked.)
- 6.) If an estimated handicap is found to be too low prior to the competition, the team may be drawn out. If an estimated handicap is found to be too low after the competition is complete, that team will be disqualified. Any challenges to an estimated handicap must be made before the event is paid out.
- 7.) Contestants may enter the RTR twice provided they change partners for each run. Switching ends does not qualify as changing partners.
- 8.) Contestants roping together in the PRCA Team Roping may not rope together in the RTR regardless of performance or slack.

- 9.) No more than 6 teams may rope in a performance. There is no limit to the number of teams that may rope in slack. For "traditional" Friday/Saturday rodeos, RTR slack will be held after the Friday night performance following all the PRCA/WPRA events.
- 10.) No contestant may rope twice in the same performance but may rope once in the performance and once in slack, or twice in slack.
- 11.) Heelers aged 50 and over may tie on "hard and fast" if desired.
- 12.) Only Telephone Entries will be accepted for the RTR. (No email, text, or online entries are allowed for the 2023 rodeo season.)
- 13.) For the "traditional" Friday/Saturday rodeos, including June 23-24, June 30-July 1, and July 7-8 through August 25-26, entries are accepted on the Tuesday prior to the rodeo from 6:00 PM to 10:00 pm MDT at 970 879-1818.
- 14.) For the Cowboys' Roundup Days (Monday and Tuesday, July 3-4), RTR Telephone Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 pm MDT at 970 879-1818.
- 15.) For the 2023 season, SSPRS will be awarding separate RTR Header and Heeler buckles. For contestants that rope both ends, one or the other must be designated at the time of entry.
- 16.) RTR Contestants must pay their entry fees, sign a Liability Release Form, and legibly fill out an IRS Form W-9, including mailing address and social security number, no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the beginning of the rodeo if roping in the PRCA ProRodeo performance and no later than the end of the performance if roping in slack. They must also be prepared to verify their Global Handicap if asked (see Rule 2 above).
- 17.) The "entering partner" (the contestant that enters a team) is responsible for both contestants' entry fees. In the event the "entering partner" does not show up, does not pay his or her entry fee, or is otherwise unable to compete the "entered partner" may inform the RTR Administrator of a substitution, up to the beginning of the RTR event whether competing in the performance or the slack.
- 18.) The Entry Fee for RTR will be \$65.00 per contestant or \$130 per team. Failure to collect \$130.00 from any team prior to the competition will cause that team to be drawn out.
- 19.) RTR Contestants must pay their entry fees in Cash Only. Checks, Credit Card, and Debit cards will not be accepted.

20.) The sum of the Entry Fees, plus Added Money of \$500 from the SSPRS Committee, will comprise the Purse. Deductions from the Purse will include Entry Administration Charge of \$100 per rodeo, Stock Charge of \$27.50 per run, Office Charge of \$5 per contestant per run (\$10 per team per run), and Judging Fees of \$100 per week (flat fee of \$50 for each of two Judges).

21.) Year-End RTR Championships are determined by Championship Points. One Championship Point is awarded for each dollar won in the event during the months of June and July. To encourage late season entries, two points are awarded for each dollar won in the event for August rodeos. To be eligible for a Year-End RTR Championship, a contestant must enter and compete in the event three (3) or more times.

22.) Ground Money does not count toward the year-end event championship.

23.) Championship Points earned in the RTR do not count toward the SSPRS Year-End All-Around Championship.

24.) Prior to adoption of these Ground Rules, SSPRS asked the last five RTR Season Champions to review them and make suggestions for additions, deletions, and modifications, and those comments have been incorporated in this document.

25.) The Steamboat Springs Pro Rodeo Series Board of Directors reserves the right to clarify and if necessary, revise these Guidelines. In the event of a dispute, their decision is final.