

## **New Rules and Rule Changes for the 2021 Rodeo Season**

The Board of Directors have approved the following rules and rule changes to begin with the 2021 rodeo season.

1. All contestants must compete with a NSPRA card at five (5) NSPRA sanctioned rodeos to qualify for the SNFR. To win a World Championship, a contestant must compete at ten (10) NSPRA Sanctioned rodeos as an NSPRA card holder. This is an increase of three (3) rodeos for the rough stock events. (Rule 2.6.3 and 7.2.1)
2. The rodeo committee or rodeo producer will no longer be required to always have an ambulance on the grounds during rough stock events. Timed event rodeos and single event rodeos such as bull riding only events will only require EMT's or paramedics unless the committee or producer chooses to have an ambulance on site. (Rule 10.1.1)
3. Walk-up entries shall be allowed only in the rough stock events (BB, SB, BR) provided stock is available and fees are paid with the arena secretary at least three hours before the performance. A contestant may only enter as a walk-up entry two times during the rodeo season. There will be a \$40 fee in addition to the regular entry fees for the first time, and an \$80 fee in addition to regular entry fees for the second time. (Rule 12.2.5, 12.7.1, and 15.2.1)
4. The pick one partner and draw one partner or draw two partners format that was a trial in 2020 will be an actual rule. It also allows the 60+ contestants to drop down and compete in the 40-59 age category, either as a team or with different partners as long as the partner is age appropriate. There will still be the ability to designate the lower age category.

If there are three or less pick teams when books close, the two age categories will be combined and the 60+ contestants will not be allowed to drop down, unless they have designated the lower category.

There will be courtesy runs if the headers and heelers are not equal because of the draw. They courtesy run will not be charged an entry fee but will be charged the stock charge. Courtesy runs will be eligible for payoff money but will not accrue any points. (Section 25)