

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGIATE CLASSIC GROUND RULES

March 5-7, 2026

1. This event will be run in accordance with National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) rules where applicable unless otherwise posted.
2. This event is open to NIRA athletes only.
3. Only NIRA approved coaches, NIRA contestants and designated San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) personnel will be allowed in the arena, behind the bucking chutes, or in the alley during the rodeo slacks and performances.
4. Performance Dates and Times:
 - a. Thursday, March 5
 - i. Long Round Performance – 7:00 PM
 - b. Friday, March 6
 - i. Long Round Slack – 8:00 AM
 - ii. Long Round Performance – 7:00 PM
 - c. Saturday, March 7
 - i. Long Round Slack – 8:00 AM
 - ii. Short Round Performance – 7:00 PM
5. FORMAT – All events. Three (3) total performances. All contestants will compete in one Long Round. Top ten (10) scores or times in each event will advance to the Short Round. Best on two (2) will determine the event winner.
6. Contestants drawn into an evening performance (Long Round or Short Round) must participate in that performance's grand entry.
7. All contestants must sign a release of liability and any other forms provided by the Rodeo Secretary prior to competing.
8. All contestants wear a visible school vest at all times upon entrance to Freeman Coliseum to access restricted contestant areas, including the rodeo arena floor, secretary's office, and other rodeo-related locations within the Freeman Coliseum, whether competing or not. Contestants may be asked to present identification for security purposes.

9. ALL CONTESTANTS WITH HORSES – Must present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within thirty (30) days and a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA/Coggins) test dated within the past twelve (12) months, not to expire while on the grounds. Documentation is required for entry onto the rodeo grounds.
10. ALL CONTESTANTS WITH HORSES – Stalls are available for purchase upon arrival at the rodeo grounds for \$30 per stall. Horses staying overnight must be stalled. No overnight tie-outs or portable pens are permitted. One horse per stall. Outside shavings are allowed; additional shavings will be available for purchase on-site.
11. ALL CONTESTANTS WITH HORSES – Horse check-in and stalling hours:
 - a. Thursday, March 5
 - i. 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 - b. Friday, March 6
 - i. 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM
 - c. Saturday, March 7
 - i. 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM
 - d. Sunday, March 8
 - i. Contestants and horses must leave grounds no later than 9:00 AM.
12. ALL EVENTS – Once the run or ride has been completed, contestants must promptly exit the arena.
13. TD, BA, TR, GT, SW – An escaped animal will be replaced with the extra in the performances.
14. GB – Only judges and event officials will be allowed in alleyways and arena during the barrel race event.
15. No dogs will be allowed on the grounds, including parking lots.
16. Vehicles and trailers must park in designated contestant parking lot only.
17. Helpful information:
 - a. Address to rodeo grounds: 3201 E Houston St., San Antonio, TX 78219
 - i. Contestant vehicles and trailers must enter through the West Gate (Gate A) entrance to the Freeman Coliseum/Frost Bank Center grounds, located on E Houston St.

b. Phone number for San Antonio Rodeo Office: 210-225-1309

18. ALL CONTESTANTS – All contestants, coaches, and team personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Unsportsmanlike behavior, abusive language, unsafe or unethical handling of animals, or other actions deemed detrimental to animal welfare or the integrity of the event will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action, including disqualification from the event and removal from the grounds.