



Ground Rules for 2026 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier Event

- RODEO RULES refers to the WPRA Rule Book that will be in effect for the Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier event. Unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this document or in the RODEO RULES will prevail during the 2026 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier. CONFLICT OF DOCUMENTS AND RULE BOOK: Order of Precedence: In the event of conflict, the 2026 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice prevail over the 2026 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier Ground Rules and the RODEO RULES. The 2026 Calgary Stampede Ground Rules prevails over RODEO RULES.
- Contestants agree to abide by all posted premises rules and regulations of the Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier.
- The Arena Director will have final say in the arena on all matters related to production and procedure.
- No family members (including children), guests, escorts, etc., will be allowed in chute or arena areas.
- All competitors will ensure their participation and the participation of any and all individuals associated with them are familiar with the 2026 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice.
- Stampede Officials shall in their absolute discretion have the right at any time to add a Rule or Rules in order to clarify or address a circumstance or action not previously outlined or contemplated in the existing 2026 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier Ground Rules.

ADVANCEMENT TO THE CALGARY STAMPEDE RODEO will be through the following:

The Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Race Qualifier provides 4 spots to the Calgary Stampede Rodeo.

There are 2 ways to qualify:

- The top 3 contestants' aggregate times (from Rounds 1 and 2) will advance to the Calgary Stampede. Each contestant is only eligible to qualify for 1 spot regardless of placings.
- The single fastest time in the Stampede Challenge will advance to the Calgary Stampede.

ENTRIES

- All entries must be done through the Calgary Stampede Western Events & Agriculture entry site. Only online entries will be accepted. No emails or calls will be accepted as official entries.
- Entries open at 9 A.M. Wednesday, April 15 and close at 4:00 P.M. Friday, May 15. No late entries will be accepted.
- Entry fees are \$500 CDN per entry.
- Entry will be accepted upon completion of online registration and payment in full.
- Competitors may purchase a maximum of three (3) entries. Each Entry will consist of one (1) rider and any combination of horses.
- Stampede Challenge Entry
 - Entry Fee: \$650.00 CDN per entry
 - Entries will be available onsite immediately following the 1st Go Round and the 2nd Go Round. All payments must be made by card. No cash.
 - In order to compete in the Stampede Challenge, rider must have competed in at least Go Round 1.

- Contestants who are eligible to advance to the next round, but choose not to, must notify the Office within 2 hours of the completion of their qualifying round in order that the next eligible Competitor be given notice of advancement.
 - Should there be a tie for 1st spot from the Stampede Challenge, the contestant with the fastest time for that horse rider combination in either of the previous 2 Rounds will advance.
 - A minimum of 10 entries are required to allow for the Stampede Challenge to offer a Calgary Stampede spot to a winning contestant. Should there not be enough contestants entered - there will be a barrel run for contestants who did not take their second run, will be added to Round 2 and paid out accordingly.
 - If a contestant did run in Round 2; those contestants will be refunded the Stampede Challenge entry fee.
- Group Arena Time/Time Only runs will be available in 15 minute increments for \$20 and must be paid in full at time of entry. Time Onlys are non-refundable and a maximum of (1) one Time Only per entry. Group Arena Time/Time Onlys before Round 2 will be available for purchase onsite at the office, immediately following Round 1. No cash - cc only.
 - A maximum of 400 entries will be taken for the qualifier event. Should the entries exceed 400, second or third entries will be removed at random draw.
 - All participants must be a minimum of 18 years old at the time of entry and eligible for WPRA Membership.
 - Competitors with a previously confirmed invitation to the 2026 Calgary Stampede Rodeo will not be permitted to enter and compete in the Qualifier Event.
 - No Membership of any association is required to compete.
 - This is a Calgary Stampede event, not sanctioned by CPRA or WPRA or any other association. Monies earned at the CS Qualifiers will not go towards any standings.

TURNOUTS AND DOCTOR/VET RELEASES

- Once confirmation of intent to compete has been submitted, if for any reason a contestant is unable to compete, the contestant must notify the Calgary Stampede. No refund will be given for entry fees. Spots may not be sold to other competitors once entry is confirmed.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Go Round 1: All competitors entered will run in Go Round 1 on **June 8**. Random draw for order.
- Go Round 2: The top 60% of the competitors from Go Round 1 will advance to Go Round 2 on **June 9**.
- Top 3 in aggregate from Go Rounds 1 and 2 will qualify for the 2026 Calgary Stampede Rodeo.

Stampede Challenge

After completion of Go Round 2 (minimum of 1.5 hours after final go) will start the Stampede Challenge.

- Entry fee of \$650.00 must be paid within 30 minutes after final go in Round 2.
- Open to any contestant that competed in Go Round 1 or Round 2.
- Clean slate round with random draw determining order.
- Result based on 1 run in Stampede Challenge – no average will be factored.
- Fastest time will earn one (1) position to compete at 2026 Calgary Stampede Rodeo
- Should there be a tie for 1st spot from the Stampede Challenge, the contestant with the fastest time for that horse rider combination in either of the previous 2 Rounds will advance.

- If fewer than 20 entries are paid in full for the Stampede Challenge, Calgary Stampede Management reserves the right to cancel the round and redistribute qualification for CS Rodeo to the Average.
- **To enter the Stampede Challenge:**
 - Entries will be available onsite at the office immediately following the completion of Round 1 and Round 2.
 - Should a contestant, upon completion of Round 1; decide that they wish to forfeit their Round 2 run, and only compete in the Stampede Challenge, they may enter the Stampede Challenge and notify the Office at this time of their intentions.
 - Go Round 2 will then drop down to the next eligible contestant to maintain 60% in Go Round 2 participation.

CALGARY STAMPEDE ADVANCEMENT

- Only one qualifying position is available per barrel racer regardless of number of entries.
- All ties for last qualifying position will be broken based on the fastest single run of the event (2 Go Rounds and Stampede Challenge). Should there still be a tie; tie will be broken by 2nd fastest run between competitors in the event. Should the tie remain, tie will be broken by random draw by judges.
- Notwithstanding and in any event of the qualification structure outlined above, the Calgary Stampede reserves the right in its sole and unfettered discretion to not issue or retract an invitation to any Rodeo Contestant.

PAYOUTS AND PAYOUT PROCEDURES

- Payout will be 30% of total entry fees:
 - Go Round 1 will pay 45% of payout:
 - 1 – 21%, 2 – 18%, 3 – 15%, 4 – 13%, 5 – 10%, 6 – 8%, 7 – 6%, 8 – 4%, 9 – 3%, 10 - 2%.
 - Go Round 2 will pay 45% of payout:
 - 1 – 21%, 2 – 18%, 3 – 15%, 4 – 13%, 5 – 10%, 6 – 8%, 7 – 6%, 8 – 4%, 9 – 3%, 10- 2%.
 - Average
 - 1 – 30%, 2 – 25%, 3 – 20%, 4 – 15%, 5 – 10%.
 - Stampede Challenge – 30% of Stampede Challenge Entry Fees
 - 1 – 30%, 2 – 25%, 3 – 20%, 4 – 15%, 5 – 10%.
- 1 – 3 in Average Qualifies to Calgary Stampede Rodeo.
- Winner of Stampede Challenge qualifies for Calgary Stampede Rodeo.
- The Calgary Stampede will produce the payoff. All prize money will be paid by direct deposit from the Calgary Stampede. This will require a direct deposit form will be sent to all money earners who are required to complete and emailed to the Calgary Stampede.
 - Any fines assessed to a contestant must be paid to the Calgary Stampede
- Immediately following the Redemption Round - the Top 3 Contestants from the 2-run aggregate and the winner of the Stampede Challenge are asked to be in the arena with their horses for awards presentation and photos.
- Trophy Buckles and Blankets are awarded to the top four Calgary Stampede Qualifiers.
- Contestants qualifying and advancing to the Calgary Stampede Rodeo are required to secure WPRA membership, if not already a member.

ADDITIONAL GROUND RULES

- Ladies Barrel racers must begin their run within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designate. A verbal warning will be provided 15 seconds prior to expiration of the time limit. If the contestant exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure, she will receive a fine of \$250. For every 20 seconds over the 45 second limit the fine will be progressively doubled.
- All runs will be timed to the 100th of a second.
- Ground will be dragged at 5 on paper and big drag every 50.
- Equine drug testing for Ladies Barrel Racing will be administered and governed by the Calgary Stampede and the Calgary Stampede may in its discretion, refer to the WPRA Equine Medications and Prohibited Substances Policy. Calgary Stampede will be responsible for all testing processes and related procedures, including, but not limited to, veterinarian/tester selection, sampling protocols, lab selection, chain of custody, and obtaining test results from the lab.
- The Calgary Stampede has the right to drug test any animal at their will. The rules pertaining to drug testing are as follows:
 - The Calgary Stampede will directly notify a Responsible Member of a positive test result. Calgary Stampede will not release a contestant's prize money prior to receiving a negative test result. Within a reasonable period after the conclusion of the 2026 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier, Calgary Stampede will release final results and earnings for the Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier reflecting any disqualifications and redistributions.
 - In the event the chemical analysis of Blood or Urine Sample A is positive, and upon issuance of penalties noted in these rules, a Responsible Member objecting to such penalties may request a confirmatory analysis of the corresponding Blood or Urine Sample B. An appeal or request for confirmatory analysis of sample B must be requested in writing to CS Management within 72 hours of being notified by CS Officials of positive test. At Appellant's expense, sample B will be retested by a mutually agreed upon referee lab. Appellant must have process, including receipt of sample by referee lab, completed by 21 calendar days from initial communication to Responsible Member of positive test. If timelines for sample B confirmatory analysis are exceeded by Responsible Member, the initial judgement will stand.
 - A positive drug test result may result in a fine issued by the Calgary Stampede and certain penalties issued by Calgary Stampede, as follows:
 - Calgary Stampede Penalties and Fines: In the event of any positive drug test result, Calgary Stampede may issue any or all of the following penalties and/or fines as determined by Calgary Stampede in its sole discretion. Classification of identified prohibited substance will be in accordance with the WPRA Medications and Prohibited Substances Policy in consultation with the Association of Racing Commissioners International guidelines:
 - Class 1: (i) a fine up to \$8,000 (ii) Prohibition from competition at the next Calgary Stampede for which the Responsible Member qualifies and/or (iii) Disqualification from the 2026 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier and redistribution of prize money. If the Responsible Member is disqualified for a Class 1 positive drug test result, all prize money won by the disqualified Responsible Member during the entirety of the 2026 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier will be redistributed in each round in which the disqualified Responsible Member competed and won prize money.
 - Class 2: (i) a fine of up to \$5,500 (ii) Prohibition from competition at the next Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier and/or (ii) Disqualification from the go-round with a Class 2 positive drug test result and redistribution of prize money for that go-round.

- More than one NSAID in a blood or urine sample: (i) a fine of up to \$2,000 (ii) Disqualification from the go-round with a positive test result for more than one NSAID and redistribution of prize money for that go-round.
- Disqualification and Redistribution
 - When a contestant is disqualified from a go-round they will be declared unplaced and prize money will be redistributed to the highest placing contestant(s) until all paid positions are filled for that go-round.
 - When a contestant is disqualified from the Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier they will be declared unplaced and prize money in each go-round that they placed in will be redistributed to the highest placing contestant(s) until all paid positions are filled with the exception of the semi-finals and finals, which will result in ground money being paid.
 - For purposes of payout and redistribution, all rounds are treated as separate go-rounds.

GENERAL RULES

- The “Arena” includes the Rodeo Arena proper.
- The Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Arena Director will have final say in the arena on all matters related to production and procedure.
- The ARENA and facilities are Non-Smoking.
- Contestants are required to check in at the On-Site Event Office, upon arrival. Stalling and camping on Stampede Grounds is available to contestants upon request at time of entry.
- All advertising, sponsorship and broadcast rights and the exposure related thereto lie with and are owned by the Calgary Stampede.
- No signs, banners or posters shall be displayed without prior approval of the event organizers.
- No contestant will have rights or access to the broadcast – either in whole or in part – produced at the 2026 Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier. All footage remains the property of the Calgary Stampede and its licensed broadcast partners.
- Contestants agree to abide by all posted premises rules and regulations of the Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier or affiliated facilities.
- All dogs must be confined to contestant’s trailer area. Dogs are not permitted in the Nutrien Western Event Centre.
- The Calgary Stampede is represented in the arena by the Arena Floor Director and the Event Producer. Their decisions on non-scoring, production, performance and procedural issues are final.
- All decisions of the Calgary Stampede judges are final. All scores, once tabulated and certified by the judges and the event Secretary, are final.
- Contestants must refrain from speaking to the judges while in the arena unless a judge initiates the conversation. Contestants must refrain from attempting to persuade or to intimidate the judges inside or outside of the arena - to include appeals for a re-run. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a breach of the Ground Rules.
- Any contestant protests or appeals may only be filed with Calgary Stampede management, whose sole decision is final. (a) Protests or appeals must be filed immediately (within 12 hours) of notification.
- Access to Arena. No person shall be allowed in the arena during an event go-round unless entered in an event.
- Contestants should be aware that the Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier is a family event. Contestants will perform in a manner that is not offensive to any social or ethnic groups and that is suitable for a family audience. Contestants will be mindful that the arena floor is covered by video cameras and microphones.

- Contestants and traveling companions/ assistants (whether entered at The Calgary Stampede Ladies Barrel Racing Qualifier or not) must comply with all Calgary Stampede Animal Care Codes as they pertain to their personal animals, the animals of Calgary Stampede's stock contractors or any other animals with which they may come in contact. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations will result in breach of the Animal Care Code and may result in criminal prosecution or citation if local and/or provincial animal welfare laws are violated.