



Ground Rules for 2026 Calgary Stampede Breakaway Roping Qualifier Event – June 2-3, 2026

- RODEO RULES refers to the WPRA Rule Book that will be in effect for the Calgary Stampede Breakaway Roping Qualifier event. Unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this document or in the RODEO RULES will prevail during the 2026 Calgary Stampede Breakaway Roping 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 Breakaway Roping 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 Breakaway Roping 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 Breakaway Roping Qualifier Ground Rules.

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.
- Entry fees are \$500 CDN per entry.
- A maximum of 200 entries will be taken for the qualifier event. Competitors may only enter once. Should entries do not exceed 100, competitors already entered will be contacted with the opportunity to enter themselves once more at the same cost of original entry. If entries exceed 200, all **without** a Professional Breakaway Roping Rodeo association card (WPRA, PRCA, or CPRA) will be removed and removed contestants will be drawn from randomly to fill remaining spots.
- All participants must be a minimum of 18 years old at the time of entry.
- Entries open at 9 A.M. Wednesday, April 15 and close at 4:00 P.M. Friday, May 16. No late entries will be accepted.
- Competitors with a previously confirmed invitation to the 2026 Calgary Stampede Rodeo will not be permitted to enter and compete in the Qualifier Event.
- Calgary Stampede reserves the right to adjust the schedule of the event. Any changes will be communicated to contestants entered.

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.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Go Round 1: All competitors entered will run in Go Round 1. Start time TBD.
- Go Round 2: All competitor with a qualified score in Go Round 1 will advance to Go Round 2.
- Finals: The top 20 competitors based on a 2-head average will advance to the Final round.
- Contestants will compete in reverse order of advancement.
- All contestants will run first entry prior to running next entry in first round.
- The invited Calgary Stampede qualifiers will be selected based on the fastest runs from a 3 run average. All positions filled will be based on the final results from the Qualifier Event.
- Only one qualifying position is available per roper regardless of number of entries.
- All runs will be timed to the 10th of a second.
- All ties for the last qualifying position will be broken by the fastest time in the final round. Should a tie remain, the fastest total time in the first 2 rounds will advance. Should a tie remain - the fastest single time in the first 2 rounds will advance. Should a tie remain an additional calf will be run for each tied contestant to determine the advancing contestant. The fastest time from this run will determine who advances. Tie will only be broken for the last qualifying position.
- 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 40% of total entry fees:
 - Go Round 1 will pay 30% 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 30% of payout:
 - 1 – 21%, 2 – 18%, 3 – 15%, 4 – 13%, 5 – 10%, 6 – 8%, 7 – 6%, 8 – 4%, 9 – 3%, 10- 2%.
 - Fastest time of Finals Round will earn \$1,000.00.
 - Average will pay 40% of payout:
 - 1 – 21%, 2 – 18%, 3 – 15%, 4 – 13%, 5 – 10%, 6 – 8%, 7 – 6%, 8 – 4%, 9 – 3%, 10- 2%.
 - 1 – 4 in Average Qualifies to Calgary Stampede Rodeo.
- The Calgary Stampede will produce the payoff on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. 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
- Contestants qualifying and advancing to the Calgary Stampede Rodeo are required to secure WPRA membership, if not already a member.

The following Breakaway Roping Rules will apply

- Contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designee. If a contestant or team exceeds the time limit, except in the case of mechanical failure or a problem with the competition animal in the timed event chute in the opinion of the judges, each contestant in the run will each receive a \$250 fine. For every 20 seconds over the 45 second limit the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant(s) exceeds two minutes in the box it will result in disqualification from the round.
- All cattle will be chute run for all go's of competition, including finals.
- All finals calves will be selected by Calgary Stampede Officials.
- Scoreline will be set at the length of the box minus 3 feet.

- The arena will operate with an open gate.

GENERAL RULES

- The “Arena” includes the Rodeo Arena proper.
- The Calgary Stampede Breakaway Roping 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.
- 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 Breakaway Roping 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 Breakaway Roping 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 Breakaway Roping 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 Breakaway Roping 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.