



WCRA Athletes:

COVID has been tough on rodeo; but it has been devastating on the entire world. The landscape has continued to evolve rapidly since we announced the Stampede at the E (SATE) event in late June. So many rodeos have been canceled this year as the committees were not willing to or unable to deal with the challenges and the liability of producing an event during a world-wide pandemic. WCRA accepted that risk and we are doing what we believe is necessary to produce an event that will benefit all of rodeo while ensuring the safety of our staff and participants.

**Please remember, WCRA is diligently working to increase visibility for Rodeo through our media partners, RidePass and CBS Network Television. The qualifying rounds and the main event will air live on Ridepass. In addition, the main event “Showdown Round” will be aired on CBS and a garner large national viewership – as an example - our Kansas City broadcast reached nearly 1 million viewers. This is our opportunity to show the world, Rodeo can thrive during times like we are experiencing now.**

WCRA & PBR are partners during the week of Stampede at the E. WCRA will be following a modified version of the industry-leading return to action plan that PBR has created and implemented at their events since May of this year. In order to consider this event and the effort put into preparing for it a success, **we need and expect your full support in adhering to the COVID protocols that will be in place.** These protocols will need to stay top of mind to ensure that we are consistent in our efforts and not allow ourselves to become complacent in our actions, thereby putting ourselves and families at risk.

Part of this plan includes designating certain WCRA Staff that will be working closely with our PBR and CBS Television counterparts as part of the “SATE Bubble.” That means a portion of the Staff will be segregated in workspace.

- **This will limit athlete access to certain WCRA Staff and or areas where “SATE Bubble Staff” are working.**

As a condition of your participation at this event, you and your guests will be required to abide by all current facility rules, posted instructions, and protocols while on premises or risk ejection, including, but not limited to the following, which may be periodically revised in accordance with public health guidance or requirements:

**General Athlete protocols:**

- All Athletes and helpers will be required to submit to a non-contact temperature check with a brief questionnaire upon arrival to Lazy E Arena each day to confirm that they are not currently experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms and/or have not been recently exposed to the virus which causes COVID-19 upon arrival at the arena daily.



- **Each person will receive a DIFFERENT wristband daily to signify they have completed this process each day.**
- While in or near the arenas, in offices/confined spaces, or in close proximity to other Staff and/or Athletes, etc. it is recommended to wear a cloth face covering or face shield. Facemasks, If you do not have one, it may be provided for you at various WCRA office locations.
  - **If you are on horseback or competing you are recommended, but not required to wear a cloth face covering.**
  - **If you are NOT competing, but you are on the arena floor/surface and possibly in the CAMERA VIEW please wear a cloth face covering.**
- At all times, please maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. When available, please use hand sanitizer.
- Athletes will not be permitted to enter WCRA Staff offices. Only Staff assigned to offices should enter an office.
- The main Secretary/Production office inside Lazy E Arena – is off limits to anyone not on the “WCRA/PBR Staff Bubble” list.

Note on Officials – Jimmy Adams is the lead official and will be managing all aspects in the arenas. Casey Duggan will be assisting the Officiating Crew with office related duties such as stock draws.

Although preventative measures set forth by the WCRA, PBR and the facility are intended to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, we cannot guarantee you will not be exposed during the event. We appreciate your understanding of the need for these additional safeguards so we can produce this event successfully.

We look forward to a GREAT event and seeing you all next week!

Regards,

Casey Duggan