



GROUND RULES

Eligible Contenders

The top 15 contenders who have competed in a minimum of 5 Pro Tour Rodeos in the 2015/2016 rodeo season, which ended on 30th April 2016 in each of the eight standard events shall be entitled to compete for APRA Championships at the NFR. In the event that a qualifier or qualifiers in any of the events are unable to compete at the NFR then the next highest contestant in that event in the APRA finalist standings shall be eligible to compete. Minimum of 5 Pro Tour rodeo criteria applies. Should all the NFR positions not be filled after everyone who has fulfilled the criteria has had the opportunity to enter, then those remaining positions will be filled by the highest money earners in that event who may not necessarily have competed at 5 Pro Tour Rodeos.

Determining the Champions

For the purpose of determining the Australian Champions money won at championship rodeos during the Pro Tour Series will be carried over as points into the National Finals Rodeo. At the NFR Aggregate points will be determined by the points allocated for each round and the number of rounds conducted at the NFR. Based on the minimum 4 rounds the aggregate points will be the same as each round.

Go Round Points	Aggregate Points
1st 5000	1st 5000
2nd 3750	2nd 3750
3rd 2500	3rd 2500
4th 1250	4th 1250

The Australian Championship Title will be awarded to the contestant who earns the most points based on 1 point per dollar won at the Championship Rodeos throughout the season plus the points earned at the NFR as per rule 20.17. Contestants must win money in 2 or more events to be eligible for All Around Titles.

a) In each of the standard rodeo events, there shall be a minimum of four complete go rounds. Four places shall be paid in each go round on the basis of 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% there will be an aggregate payout which will pay the same as each round, in any situation should there be less than 4 qualified times or scores in any event the place getters will be paid out as per APRA prize money breakdown however only the points won equivalent to their placing will be counted in their NFR standings.

b) The champion in each event shall be the contestant earning the most points at the NFR plus their Pro Tour standings, but in the event there is a tie, then the following condition shall apply: In the event of a tie for the All Around Championship at the conclusion of the last go round, those contestants that are tied shall compete on additional stock, in the following manner until the tie is broken and the Champion declared. If a contestant in the tie is competing at the NFR in more than one event, they shall elect the event in which they will compete in the tie breaker. In the event that the contestants tied are competing in the same event, the contestant with the highest mark or the lowest time on the additional stock shall be the champion. In the event that the contestants tied are competing in different events, each contestant shall compete on an additional head of stock in their event, with that mark or time ranked against the marks or times in his event in the last go round, with the contestant having the highest ranking being the All Around Champion. (That is, if a saddle bronc rider is tied with a steer wrestler, another bronc would be ridden and another steer run. If the saddle bronc rider's mark would have placed him fifth in the last go round and the steer wrestler's time would have placed him first, the tie is broken and the steer wrestler would be declared the All Around Champion).

Unable to Ride

a) NFR contestants may, upon filing a proper medical release with the NFR secretary, draw out of a go round or go rounds and remain eligible to win a Championship. A contestant who does not compete in all rounds of the NFR will be ineligible for aggregate prize money and points. The only exception is if a judge determines that a competitor is unable to compete due to injury ie medical or visual turnout prior to the commencement of the last round or final. In this situation a contestant will be eligible for aggregate money rule (26.7). b) In the event that a contestant is awarded a ride he must take that ride when ride stock is available and before the commencement of the next round.

Identifying Contestants

Contestants at the NFR shall wear identifying garments, if provided, in an appropriate place, at each performance of the NFR. A contestant may not receive a marking or time unless such identifying garments are worn (Back Number).

Competition Order

In all timed events (except the Barrel Race) the first performance of the NFR the contestant shall compete in the reverse order of the APRA finalist standings at the end of the 2015/2016 season. That is, in each of the timed events the 15th man in the standings shall compete first, and the first man in the standing shall compete last. The Barrel Race will be a random draw and then reverse for the second round, third round random, fourth reverse. In the remaining timed events the second round shall be drawn in random order and then reversed for the third round. The fourth round will be drawn so that the highest ranked NFR competitors will compete last i.e. reverse orders of their NFR Standings. In the case of a tie in NFR standings prior to the last round the year end standings will determine who competes first. The highest ranked competitor in the year end standings will compete in the later position. In the timed events, if two contestants follow one another and wish to use the same horse or horses, the contestant in the lower position in the APRA finalist standings shall compete in an earlier position in the performance, so as not to delay or slow the production of the rodeo. That is, if the NFR contestants are using the same horses, then the person in ninth position shall move to eighth position and the person in eighth position would then take his place. A contestant who qualified in two or more events for the NFR may elect to compete in only one event, but such selection must be made known to the Rodeo Administration of the APRA by entry closing date. Rough Stock events are all random draws.

Grand Entry

A full rehearsal for the Grand Entry may be scheduled for the morning of the first performance.

Additional Stock

Two extra calves shall be tied down and brought to the arena for each go round to be used in case of a rerun. For the last performance, two calves from the balance of the herd regardless of the pen, be brought up to be used in the case of a tie. In the other major events, two extra head of stock shall be brought up for each performance with 4 extra head to be brought up for the last performance.

Stock Selection

The WSRS Committee will be responsible for stock selection: a) Select the stock for NFR and b) Directors will place this stock in event pens. Committee shall take no part in adjusting the stock from one pen to another at the NFR. If necessary, this shall be done by the directors. No contestant may draw the same head of stock in the same event in any round of the NFR.

Rules: In all other respects, APRA rules shall apply at the NFR.

Sponsorship

No personal sponsorship without prior arrangements.

Testing

Any horses used at the NFR may be tested for performance enhancing drugs. Disqualification, fines and suspension may be imposed on contestants and owners should their horse test positive.

Entry Fees

Contestants must pay the full entry fee (\$484 per event) by 10th October to Head Office. No refunds will be given after this date unless a medical certificate is supplied and a replacement can be found to take your place.

Breakaway Roping

String for Breakaway Roping will be supplied by the APRA and can be obtained from the Roping Directors. If you are caught using anything but the supplied string it will be immediate disqualification.