



NORTHERN RODEO
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SUMMARY:

As the sanctioning body of multiple rodeos, the NRA is proactively preparing committees with resources and information to safely and responsibly execute their rodeos during COVID-19. The resources provided are within the guidelines and directives given from local, county, state and federal authorities.

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OBJECTIVE:

Develop a comprehensive and responsible plan of action for NRA rodeos to ensure the safety of competitors, fans, sponsors, workers, and those in the community in which the rodeo is held. By adhering to the guidelines set forth and providing a safe environment, these rodeos can prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEES:

It is recommended for Rodeo Committees to work with their city, county or state health departments to review these protocols to ensure there are no additional requirements.

Let us lead by example in showcasing to the sports world how Rodeo can have performances with fans in a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for all of your hard work as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. Most importantly, please continue to stay safe and healthy.

The NRA has developed a comprehensive set of Guidelines to return rodeo in a safe and prudent manner. How we have conducted rodeo in the past and now has changed. The Guidelines are established to embrace the health and safety of all members in preserving the spirit and legacy of the Cowboy.

It is important to maintain social distancing and health requirements for the protection of contestants, stock contractors, contract personnel, rodeo committee personnel, volunteers, and fans.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEES:

LOCAL, COUNTY & STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

All NRA Rodeos should contact its applicable local, county and state health departments in advance of your rodeo to ensure of any additional directives necessary for the conduct of your rodeo. Should you have any questions regarding government directives, please contact the NRA.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEES:

COVID-19 RODEO GUIDELINES

These are Guidelines which may be implemented at individual rodeos and tailored to meet the needs of the individual rodeos based upon location and health department requirements. It is highly encouraged to provide a face mask that covers the nose and mouth for all attendees. A branded kerchief is acceptable.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEES:

RIDING EVENTS

- Social distancing for riding event contestants and stock contractors is imperative for the rodeo.
- The back of the bucking chutes is limited to essential personnel only. This requirement is to protect the safety and health of all individuals.
 - Non-essential rodeo personnel are not permitted in and around the chutes.
 - Essential personnel includes: contestant, helper, flank man, judge, gatemen, chute boss, neck rope man, head man.
 - Medical and Veterinarian personnel may be present on the chutes to attend to any injury and limit their time on the back of the bucking chutes.
 - Any person not listed above and not physically helping the contestant and animal to exit the chute are considered non-essential.
- Each contestant shall be allowed one helper and must be a NRA member and contestant entered in the event.
 - The Contestant Helper may be responsible for cinching, spotting, pulling ropes, and the safety of the rider.
- Stock Contractor shall provide one flank man per delivery side of the bucking chutes.
- Contestants will be staged per the number of chutes available, respecting the social distance of members. Rodeo Committee will provide warm-up areas to stage riding event contestants, limiting congestion on the bucking chutes to follow social distancing recommendations. Staging areas should be sufficient to allow for social distancing guidelines (groups of 10 or less).
- At the end of the ride, the contestant shall exit the arena.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEES:

TIMED EVENTS

- One contestant in the arena at any time and must exit after each run.
- Contestants shall not congregate in groups larger than 10 people and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Personnel allowed in the timed-event boxes.
 - Contestant, hazer, chute boss, pusher, head man, next two contestants may be in the box to help the current contestant and to watch the start.
 - Contestants enter the arena when called upon.
- Contestant shall exit arena at end of run and follow social distancing guidelines.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEES:

RODEO SECRETARY

- Provide a face mask that covers the nose and mouth available to all contestants and personnel. A branded kerchief is acceptable.
- All draws will be posted outside of the secretary's office
- Rodeo Secretary should work with only one NRA contestant or Rodeo Committee personnel at any time.
 - Six feet markings should be placed on the ground to follow social distancing standards.
- Rodeo Secretary should minimize contact and exchange of items with contestant, stock contractors and contract personnel.
- Rodeo Secretary should be provided with sanitizing spray or wipes to protect themselves and members.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEES:

Each NRA Rodeo Committee should consider these processes for Rodeo Grounds and operations. Rodeo Committees should review and consult with the appropriate health department for additional requirements.

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GENERAL SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Keep Rodeo Committee personnel who are experiencing and showing symptoms at home and encourage fans to stay home if experiencing and showing symptoms.
- Individuals should not congregate in groups larger than 10 individuals at any given time. Safe distance of at least six feet apart is recommended. This includes rodeo personnel, contestants, labor, volunteers.
- Minimize direct contact during rodeo by using 2 way radios or cell phones for communication.
- Rodeo office should provide at least six-foot distancing for check-ins areas and for locations where lines form. In highly congested areas, try to provide six feet markings to follow social distancing recommendations.
- Rodeo Committees and contract personnel should minimize and limit the exchange of items between contestants.
- Rodeo Committees should provide sanitizing wipes and/or sanitize entry and exit points of rodeo office regularly. It is recommended to leave doors open during check-in periods. Ideally should have a separate entrance/exit area so you can minimize crossing of people.
- Any and all meetings for the rodeo should observe a safe distance of at least six feet. It is ideal to have no more than 10 people in meetings to the best extent possible.
- Provide disinfectant spray or wipes throughout rodeo grounds and functional areas.
- Physical barriers and physical distancing are your best lines of defense.
- Discourage non-essential people arena access to events in the arena.
- Limit physical contact to the greatest extent possible.
- Stagger contestant arena entries per event to minimize gatherings.

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SPECTATOR SEATING, HIGH TRAFFIC & CONGESTED AREAS

- It is highly encouraged to provide a face mask that covers the nose and mouth for all attendees. A branded kerchief is acceptable.
- Work with Fire Department on maximum capacity limits for all public gathering areas.
- Provide sanitizing stations.
- In highly congested areas, try to provide six feet markings to follow social distancing recommendations.
- Place signage around spectator seating and highly congested areas regarding safe distancing.
- Rodeo Committee should seek ways to disinfect spectator seating and heavily congested areas after each performance.
- Rodeo Committees shall work with local/county health departments for approval and regulations.
- Rodeo Committee should provide at least six feet distance from arena wall and/or rails to protect fans and rodeo personnel.
- Provide public address announcements to rodeo announcer(s) on proper mass gathering policies to ensure the health and safety of all patrons
- Place Safety Language signage throughout the grandstands

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CONTRACT PERSONNEL

- The announcer stand (tables, seats, microphones, scoreboard, sound boards, etc.) shall be wiped down before and after each performance with a disinfectant solution.
- Provide at least six feet of distance between personnel and mark accordingly.
- Only essential personnel are allowed to access the Announcer Stand.
- Only essential personnel are allowed to access behind the chutes and around holding pens.
- A screening questionnaire shall be provided for all contact personnel prior to entrance and access.
- Temperature readings shall also be taken prior to entrance and access.
- If anyone does not clear screening, they will not be allowed access and shall seek professional medical evaluation at the local media center.

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CONCESSION STANDS

- Work with local/county health departments for all food and beverage serving requirements.
- Stock concession stands with pre-packaged items as much possible.
- Source canned or plastic bottle drinks as opposed to self-pour machines.
- Provide six feet distance markers on the concession stand aisles.
- Provide sanitizing stations in and around concession stand areas.
- Increase concession personnel in stands to sell packaged food and canned/bottled drinks.
- Consult with the local health department for any addition food and drink concession sale areas.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Postponement or Cancellation

- The NRA will work with the committees to determine if a postponement or cancellation of a rodeo is necessary based on the ordinance directed by the proper authorities.
- The NRA will work with committees to look at rescheduling options if possible.

Communication

- Proper and timely communication is required to ensure legitimate facts regarding the event and to minimize rumors and misinformation. We strongly encourage constant communication with local authorities and health department officials to have the most up to date information in your specific county and community.

Social Media

- We additionally recommend that social media posts are withheld until confirmation from proper local authorities is established. The NRA can assist in the direction and timeliness of social media posts.

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SAFETY LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Post signage at entry points, grandstands, ticket booths
- Print language on ticket backs or place letter with tickets
- Post language on website and online ticket sales websites
- Personal Safety Language

SAFETY MESSAGING FOR PUBLIC

WARNING – ENTER VENUE AT YOUR OWN RISK. FACILITY ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

BY ENTERING YOU AGREE THAT YOU ARE ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS BY FOLLOWING ALL CDC RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES, INCLUDING SOCIAL DISTANCING.

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH.

PLEASE BRING & WEAR A FACE MASK COVERING YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH.

UTILIZE HAND WASHING AND SANITIZING STATIONS REGULARLY.

DO NOT ENTER VENUE IF YOU ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ILLNESS OR ARE SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

BY ENTERING THE VENUE, YOU ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT YOU ARE RELEASING THE OWNER AND ALL SANCTIONING AND PARTICIPATING PARTIES OF LIABILITY. THE ACT OF ENTERING THE VENUE HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE THE VENUE OWNER, EVENT ORGANIZERS AND AFFILIATED PARTIES.

SAFETY MESSAGING FOR CONTESTANTS

- Entries will continue to be taken through the NRA Office for a streamlined process and to decrease crowding in the secretary office.
- For those that require the need to enter the secretary's office must use the hand sanitization station outside the office prior to entering. Only one person is allowed in the office at a time. No more than two people may be in line outside the office and must stand at a minimum of six feet apart.
- Contestants are to park 12 feet apart from one another.
- If anyone, whether a contestant, worker or volunteer, is ill or demonstrates any symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., fever, unexplained cough, and/or shortness of breath) they must not enter the grounds and are encouraged to return home or seek medical assistance.
- Contestants are required to stay with their truck and trailer until prior to their competition draw positions and must return immediately following.
- Participates are asked to not congregate prior, during or after the rodeo. For warm up, please remain a minimum distance of six feet apart from other individuals.
- All family members or traveling partners are required to stay at their vehicle until their person is competing. At that time, they may approach the arena fence to observe and return to their vehicle immediately following.
- No more than four (4) to a group at any given time while practicing social distancing.
- There will be a hand sanitization station placed throughout the grounds.
- We ask that contestants refrain from visiting the secretary's office after the rodeo for results. All results will be posted on the NRA website.
- Winnings will be mailed to contestants.
- A screening questionnaire shall be provided for all contestants prior to entrance and access.
- Temperature readings shall also be taken prior to entrance and access.
- If any contestant does not clear screening, they will not be allowed access and shall seek professional medical evaluation at the local media center.

HEALTH SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

In an effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure, all contestants, personnel, staff, and volunteers must complete the following screening questions:

Name _____ Date _____

Phone _____

Rodeo _____

Temperature _____

Have you received a lab confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19?

YES NO IF YES, WHEN?

Have you been within 6 feet of a person for at least 5 minutes with a lab confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

YES NO IF YES, WHEN? _____

Are you experiencing any of the following?

Do you reside with anyone experiencing any of the following?

_____	Fever in past 3 days	_____
_____	Cough	_____
_____	Sore Throat	_____
_____	Chills	_____
_____	Repeated Shaking/Chills	_____
_____	Runny nose or nasal congestion	_____
_____	Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, wheezing	_____
_____	Headache	_____
_____	Muscle pain/body aches	_____
_____	Fatigue	_____
_____	Diarrhea	_____
_____	New loss of taste or smell	_____
_____	NONE OF THE ABOVE	_____

A Secondary Screen by medical personnel is required and no entrance or access will be granted to anyone with a temperature above 100.3 or greater or if any positive answers to questions above.

Those answering yes to any of the above questions will not be permitted access. By signing this screening questionnaire, you hereby state that you have answered these questions to the best of your knowledge.

SIGNATURE

DATE