



**Calgary Exhibition & Stampede  
First Nations Rodeo  
June 11 – 13, 2026**

THIS AGREEMENT MADE BETWEEN:

CALGARY EXHIBITION AND STAMPEDE LIMITED  
(the "Calgary Stampede")

- and -

(the "Contestant")

WHEREAS the Calgary Stampede hosts an annual rodeo on its premises in Calgary, Alberta known as the Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo & Relay, to be held from June 11 – 13, 2026 (the "2026 Rodeo").

AND WHEREAS the Contestant is a INFR rodeo contestant and has entered to compete in the 2026 First Nations Rodeo.

IN CONSIDERATION of the matters herein described, and of the mutual rights and obligations set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Agreement to Compete**

- (a) The Calgary Stampede agrees to allow the Contestant to compete in the 2026 First Nations Rodeo in the "Event(s)" in which he/she has entered and the Contestant agrees to make him/herself available to compete, and to compete, as scheduled. all in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth.
- (b) The Contestant will confirm their entry to the 2026 Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo by signing the 2026 Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo Contestant Agreement upon entering via the INFR entries process. Failure to complete and submit the Agreement at the time of entry will result in forfeiture of their position to compete in 2026.

2. **Rodeo Obligations of Contestant**

During the 2026 First Nations Rodeo, the Contestant agrees to:

- (a) perform to the best of his/her abilities in respect of all rides/performances in the Event(s) in which he/she is entered to compete.
- (b) keep, and report, in good physical condition throughout the Rodeo for all such rides/performances.

3. **Physical Condition**

The Calgary Stampede may deny or restrict the Contestant from competing in the Event(s) if in its sole (reasonable) judgment of Calgary Stampede appointed Physician, competing would present a danger to him/her or others and the Contestant agrees to abide by such decision of the Calgary Stampede. The Contestant agrees, if requested, to submit to a medical examination and/or treatment, including examination or treatment by the Calgary Stampede's medical staff.

#### 4. **Alcohol and Drug Testing**

The Calgary Stampede reserves the right to test any contestant(s) or person in a Safety Sensitive Position for alcohol or drugs that it deems appropriate.

##### **Alcohol Policy**

Any Contestant failing a breathalyzer test, (zero tolerance = 0.00%), prior to competing will result in the following:

Suspension from competing in that performance.

Any contestant refusing to take any such tests will be disqualified from the rodeo.

##### **Drug Policy**

**Illegal Drug** means any drug substance which is not legally obtainable and whose use, sale, possession, purchase or transfer is restricted or prohibited by law.

**Impairing Prescription Medication** means a substance, other than Marijuana, that may be legally prescribed by a health care professional in Canada and that has the potential to impair the physical or cognitive abilities of the contestant using the substance, regardless of whether the substance is or is not used as prescribed.

**Marijuana** means all parts of the Cannabis plant, its derivatives and compounds that contain the psychoactive cannabinoid chemical delta-9-tetrahydro-cannabinol (THC).

**Prohibited Substance** means any substance which Calgary Stampede has declared prohibited and includes Marijuana.

**Safety Sensitive Position** means a position, as determined by Calgary Stampede, in which a Rodeo Official, Arena help, Contract personnel, Rodeo Competitor, hazer or helper has a direct role in rodeo such that Alcohol, Illegal Drug, Impairing Prescription Medication or Prohibited Substance use could result in:  
(a) An incident affecting the health or safety of employees, competitors, patrons, animals, or the public; or  
(b) An inadequate response or failure to respond to an emergency or operational situation.

##### **Testing Protocol – Illegal Drugs, Prohibited Substances and Impairing Prescription Medication**

A person required to undergo testing for the presence in his or her body of Illegal Drugs, Prohibited Substances or Impairing Prescription Medications, or a combination of these substances, shall provide a sample of bodily fluid to a Calgary Stampede Representative at a time and place and in a manner directed by the Representative.

##### **Refusal to Test, Adulterating or Tampering with Sample**

A person refusing to provide a sample as required or adulterates or tampers with, or attempts to adulterate or tamper with, a sample provided, will be disqualified from the rodeo.

##### **Providing false samples**

A person violates these rules who:

- (a) Provides a false sample; Provides a sample that is not their own sample;
- (b) Possesses any substance that may or could alter, interfere or impede the correct giving of, testing or analysis of a sample.

##### **Additional Testing**

Where a laboratory conducting a test for the presence of an Illegal Drug, a Prohibited Substance or an Impairing Prescription Medication reports that the testing of the sample cannot provide an accurate determination of the presence or the amount of the substance in a sample for whatever reason, including that the sample is a dilute sample, the person shall submit to an additional test, if directed by a Calgary Stampede representative.

### **Immediate Suspension – Illegal Drugs, Impairing Prescription Medication or Prohibited Substances in a sample**

Should an Illegal Drug, a Prohibited Substance or Impairing Prescription Medication be found to be present in the body of a contestant or any person in a Safety Sensitive Position at the time of testing, they will be suspended for the duration of the rodeo.

### **5. Event Rules and Decisions Binding**

All Contestants competing in the 2026 First Nations Rodeo must be INFR members in good standing.

The Contestant acknowledges he/she is familiar with, and agrees to abide by, the INFR Rule Book, the 2026 First Nations Rodeo Ground Rules of the Calgary Stampede, and the 2026 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, as these may be amended or revised from time to time. In the event of any conflict between or among the aforesaid rules, the 2026 Rodeo Ground Rules of the Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo will govern.

All decisions of THE CALGARY STAMPEDE judges are final. All scores, once tabulated and certified by the judges and the rodeo 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-ride. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a breach of the Contestant Agreement, disqualifying the offending contestant from any further competition in Calgary Stampede events in 2027 and 2028.

Contestants competing at the Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo, will refrain from social media activity, postings or any other form of online, mobile, digital or television communication regarding concerns, complaints or disagreement of judgement toward the Calgary Stampede or its representatives. Such concerns, complaints or disagreements of judgement must be taken directly and respectfully to CS Rodeo Management. Any contestant found to have exhibited conduct detrimental to the public image of the Calgary Stampede will be fined a minimum of \$1,000 and could be disqualified from competition and refusal of future invitations to compete at the Calgary Stampede.

Any fines assessed to a contestant will be deducted from total payout at the conclusion of the event. If fines exceed amount the contestants has earned, the contestant will be responsible to pay directly to the Calgary Stampede.

### **6. Acknowledgement, Waivers, Release and Indemnity**

The Contestant acknowledges that rodeo is a dangerous activity and that participation exposes the Contestant to serious and substantial risk, including risk of personal injury or even death, and as well as risk to his/her possessions and to the person and possessions of any employees, servants and agents assisting the Contestant in participating in the Event(s).

Being familiar with these risks and as a condition of being allowed to participate in the 2026 First Nations Rodeo and the Event(s), the Contestant agrees to the following terms in respect of participation:

- (a) Neither the Calgary Stampede nor any of its directors, officers, employees, agents or volunteers will in any circumstances be held liable or responsible for any loss or injury suffered to my person or possessions or those of my employees, servants or agents, arising out of attendance at the 2026 First Nations Rodeo or participation in the Event(s) however caused; and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, whether such loss or injury is caused by the negligence, gross negligence or otherwise of the Calgary Stampede, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers or agents; and the Contestant hereby waives and releases all such claims which the Contestant or his/her employees, volunteers or agents have or may have.
- (b) The Contestant agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Calgary Stampede, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers or agents from all claims, demands or actions to which they may be subjected arising out of any loss or injury as aforementioned suffered by the Contestant and his/her employees, servants and agents.
- (c) Notwithstanding clauses (a) and (b), should the Contestant be held liable to any other person(s) for any loss or injury caused by the intentional acts or gross negligence of the Calgary Stampede, its directors, officers, employees, agents or volunteers, the Calgary Stampede will indemnify and save harmless the Contestant, his/her employees, volunteers or agents from all such liability, including legal costs.

This provision is binding upon the Contestant, his/her spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

#### 7. **Entry into Canada**

The Contestant agrees that he/she is responsible for any and all requirements that may be imposed in respect of his/her entry into Canada in order to compete in the 2026 First Nations Rodeo.

#### 8. **Publicity and Promotion**

The Contestant agrees to:

- (a) post on social media as requested. CS Rodeo may provide content and briefing materials to enable the contestant to perform the social media services. The contestant understands that all promotions they promote as part of this agreement are monitored by CS Rodeo. The contestant assumes all responsibility for verifying that the materials used meet CS Rodeo's approval.
- (b) allow his/her likeness, alone or with others, to be taken for Calgary Stampede Broadcast, television, still photography, website or any other display or medium whatsoever during attendance at and participation in the 2026 First Nations Rodeo and agrees that all such likenesses shall be the property of and may be used by the Calgary Stampede and/or the Event(s) sponsor(s) for their joint or individual promotion purposes as they see fit without further payment or other compensation.

The Contestant also agrees to allow the Calgary Stampede and/or the Event(s) sponsor(s) to use his/her name, likeness, facsimile and biographical sketch for their joint or individual promotion purposes, without prior consultation or further compensation.

#### 9. **Exclusivity of Engagement**

The Contestant shall be free to compete in other rodeo events at other locations during the period of the 2026 First Nations Rodeo, provided however that any such other engagements do not hinder or interfere with the Contestant's ability to fully and satisfactorily perform and carry out all of his/her obligations under this agreement.

10. **Contestant Apparel – use of graphics & logos**

In alignment with the Calgary Stampede’s western values, the Contestant agrees that logos, graphics, words or phrases that may be seen to be offensive, suggestive or otherwise controversial, are not to be worn on Stampede Park or while representing the Calgary Stampede as a Contestant. Approved use of logos, graphics, words and phrases on apparel will be governed by Calgary Stampede Management and may include consultation with advisory groups such as the Anti-Defamation League.

11. **Term and Termination**

This Agreement shall be in effect as of the Effective Date and, unless terminated earlier by either one of the parties as provided hereunder, shall continue in full force and effect until the end of the Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo.

CE&S may terminate this Agreement at any time and for any reason upon providing the Contestant with five (5) days' notice.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, CE&S shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement immediately and without notice in the event the Contestant breaches or otherwise violates any term or condition of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, CE&S shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement immediately and without notice in the instance of a “Force Majeure Event”. A Force Majeure Event is defined as one or more of the following causes that renders the performance impossible, impracticable, ruinous, or unsafe: death, illness or serious injury to Contestant; fire; flood; acts of war; threat(s) or act(s) of terrorism; riot(s) or other form(s) of civil disorder in or around, or near the Venue; strike, lockout, or other forms of labor difficulties; any act, order, rule, or regulation of any court, government agency, regulatory body, health authority, or public authority; act of God; absence of power or other essential service; failure of technical facilities; pandemic; epidemic; public health emergency; communicable disease outbreak; closing of borders to travel; and/or any similar or dissimilar cause beyond CE&S’s or Contestant’s reasonable control.

In the event that this Agreement is terminated for any reason, CE&S shall have the sole discretion and right to replace the Contestant with another Rodeo Contestant.

12. **Governing Law**

It is agreed that this agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta. The Contestant attorns to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Alberta in respect of all disputes concerning or related to this agreement.

## GROUND RULES:

- All contestants competing at the Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo must sign and acknowledge the Contestant Agreement and Calgary Stampede Animal Care Codes prior to competition.
- Order of judgement for rulings will be addressed in the following order of document precedence: 2026 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, then 2026 Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo Ground Rules, then Rodeo Rules. RODEO RULES refers to the INFR Rulebook that will be in effect for all events.
- Contestants agree to abide by all posted premises rules and regulations of the Calgary Stampede.
- The “Arena” includes the Rodeo Arena proper, the Bucking chutes, contestant walkway, Timed-Event chutes and Presentation areas including main grandstand stage.
- Contestants should be aware that the Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo is a family event. Contestants will perform in a manner that is suitable for a family audience.
- Contestants will be mindful that the Rodeo Arena is covered by video cameras and microphones, with screens and monitors projecting the rodeo throughout the Rodeo Arena and grandstands.
- Any contestant causing damage to Calgary Stampede facilities and/or properties, and/or other facilities and/or property that are provided in association with the Calgary Stampede, will be liable for costs associated with repairs.
- The Arena Director will have final say in the arena on all matters related to production and procedure.
- The ARENA and Infield facilities are Non-Smoking.
- All contestants competing in the Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo must be INFR members in good standing at time of entry and competition.
- No family members (including children), guests, escorts, etc., will be allowed in chute or arena areas. Each contestant will be given one (1) contestant pass. Junior event contestants will be provided up to one (1) Helper pass providing access to chutes and arena during the Junior events only.
- 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 or adjust 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 First Nations Rodeo Ground Rules. Addition or adjustment of Rules regarding competition will be done with consultation with the INFR Commission.

## CONTRACTED PERSONNEL & ANIMALS

- Calgary Stampede will select Pick Up Men for all roughstock competition. Selected personnel may or may not be INFR members.
- Calgary Stampede will select Stock Contractors for all animals supplied for competition, roughstock and timed events. Stock contractors may or may not be INFR members.

- Judges will be selected and hired by the INFR in consultation with the Calgary Stampede.
- Two (2) Official Timers will be hired by the INFR in consultation with the Calgary Stampede. Calgary Stampede will provide an additional third Official Timer for all Rodeo competition. This individual will hold Professional level Rodeo card which may or may not be an INFR member.
- One (1) Official Rodeo Secretary will be hired by the INFR in consultation with the Calgary Stampede. Calgary Stampede will provide an additional second Official Secretary for all Rodeo competition. This individual will hold Professional level Rodeo card which may or may not be an INFR member.
- All other positions required for competition and production will be mutually agreed upon with the Calgary Stampede and INFR.

#### ACCESS & STALLING

- Contestants and guests will not be permitted to access the Calgary Stampede grounds prior to Thursday, June 11 at 9:00 am.
- Stalls will be available for contestants for a fee on a first come first serve basis.
- Horses are not permitted to be tied to trailers and left unattended.
- On-site camping will be available for a fee on a first come first serve basis. Camping will only be permitted in areas that are identified for camping.
- No camping will be permitted in areas identified for event day parking.
- Slack performances are non-ticketed for contestants, guests and spectators.
- ONLY Contestants (including helpers) and Personnel are permitted within the infield (includes all working areas within the racetrack). Guests and spectators must access viewing from GMC Stadium.
- Contestants competing in Saturdays Feature Performance will not require a ticket for entrance. Tickets will be available for purchase for family and guests for viewing from GMC Stadium.
- Access to competition areas will be restricted to those competing or with a working role in the event. Jr Event contestants will be permitted to have one (1) helper to support during event.

#### COMPETITION FORMAT:

- Junior Events (Jr. Barrels, Jr. Breakaway and Jr. Bull Riding) and Senior Events (Sr. Breakaway, and Sr. Team Roping) will each compete in a single go format.
- Open Timed Events (Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping) will compete in a Long Go on Friday, June 12, 2026. Top ten (10) times will advance to Short Go in Featured Performance at 6:30 pm on Saturday, June 13, 2026
- Roughstock Events will compete in a single head format. Performances will include 10:00 am on Saturday, June 13, 2026 and 6:30 pm on Saturday, June 13, 2026. CS will have opportunity to feature 10 contestants in each Open Roughstock event to compete in Featured Performance at 6:30 pm on Saturday, June 13, 2026. Draw will be conducted as a single performance.
- Slack & Performance Times with Order of Events

- Slack 1 - Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 3:00 PM - Jr. Barrels, Jr. Breakaway, Sr. Breakaway
- Slack 2 - Friday, June 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM - Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Sr. Team Roping, Team Roping, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling
- Slack 3 - Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM – Bareback Riding, Jr. Bull Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding.
- Featured Performance 1 – Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM – Bareback Riding, Barrel Racing, Team Roping, Tie Down Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping and Bull Riding.
- The top ten (10) times from Long Go will advance to the Short Go. Should there be a tie for the tenth position, tied contestants/teams will be drawn from to determine single contestant/team advancing to Short Go.

#### RIDING EVENTS:

- The following Roughstock rules will apply:
- Contestants must be ready when called. “Ready when called” is defined as: Bareback - Contestant must be over the horse when previous horse leaves the arena. Saddle Bronc - Contestant must have horse cinched (front & rear) with rein measured, and be in the chute, mounting the horse when the previous horse leaves the arena. Bull Riding - Contestant must be pulling rope as the previous bull is leaving the arena. Failure to be ready when called in all Roughstock events will result in a \$100 fine, doubling with each offense.
- All roughstock animals for all rounds of competition will be selected by Calgary Stampede Rodeo management.
- If a drawn animal is turned out for any reason, that animal will become the first re-ride.
- Re-rides and extras order will be pre-set by Calgary Stampede Officials.
- Contestants will not be disqualified for failing to spur-out a horse. The judges can reward for spurring-out a horse.
- BR – All spurs and rowels will be inspected prior to each performance by CS Officials and Official Rodeo Judge. Any rowel deemed too sharp and or has been altered in any way, including without limitation in a manner whereby it appears unsafe it will be deemed Illegal Equipment. Contestants will be required then to change their rowel prior to competing. Any contestant found to have competed using anything other than inspected rowels in the Bull Riding will be disqualified from round(s) that the offense occurred. Multiple offense may result in disqualification from all rounds.
- All other rules issues pertaining to Bareback, Saddle Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding will be governed by the INFR RULE BOOK.
- All Events: The penalty for unnecessary roughness to any animal will be a \$1,000.00 fine for the 1st offence, a \$1,500.00 fine for the 2nd offence, a 3rd offence will result in disqualification from the rodeo.

## TIMED EVENTS:

- The Following Tie-Down Roping rules will apply:
  - The six second rule will not be in effect. Once time is called and the contestant has taken one step towards his horse and maintains a forward motion towards his horse, a three second time will start. The calf must remain tied during this three second time period. To clarify, a legal tie must consist of three legs crossed, at least one wrap around all three legs and a hooey.
  - Contestant causing a drag will result in a \$500 fine and a no time. Anything over 3 feet is considered a drag whether intentional or unintentional
  - A mishandling infraction will result in a no time. A mishandling infraction occurs when the calf does not keep one foot in contact with the ground until the completion of the initial switch and lands on side, head or back. Initial switch is deemed complete when the calf has changed direction approximately 180 degrees and is facing the horse from the initial tightening of the rope. If the animal goes to the ground following the completion of a legal initial switch, no disqualification will result.
  - Contestant must rope animal with a clean catch around the neck, which calf's whole head has passed through the loop, and no extremities (for example ears, legs or tail) are to be pinned by the rope (bell collar catch). For a catch to be legal, the bell collar catch must be in place at the completion of the switch or stop of forward motion. If roper assists in any way the removal of the foul catch to a bell collar, catch will be considered foul and roper will be disqualified from that go-round. If catch changes to a bell collar catch organically with no assistance from the roper prior to completion of switch or stop of forward motion, catch will be considered legal.
  - Obvious injury: If a calf, in the judge's discretion, exhibits an obvious injury during competition, the contestant will be flagged out and receive either a re-run or if in the judge's discretion, the injury was caused by the contestant, a no time.
  - Tie-Down Roping contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designee. If a contestant 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, he will receive a \$250 fine. For every 20 seconds over the 45 second limit the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant exceeds two minutes in the box it will result in disqualification from the round.
  - Two liners may be used during TDR.
  - All other rules will be enforced as per the INFR rulebook.
- The Following Steer Wrestling rules will apply:
  - An automatic no time will be given to a contestant if a steer "dog falls". If a steer "dog falls", the contestant must release the steer immediately and assist the animal in recovering from the fall by turning the steer's head so it may stand up. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification from competition. A dog fall occurs when the hip of the steer falls in the opposite direction of the

intended throw. Should that hip come into contact with any other part of the steer or the ground it will result in a no time.

- Obvious injury: If a steer, in the judge's discretion, exhibits an obvious injury during competition, the contestant will be flagged out and receive either a re-run or if in the judge's discretion, the injury was caused by the contestant, a no time.
- Steer Wrestling contestants must take their stock within 60 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designate. If a contestant 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, he will receive a \$250 fine. For every 20 seconds over the 60 second limit the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant exceeds two minutes in the box it will result in disqualification from the round.
- Timed Event boxes will measure 17 feet. Scorelines will be set at the following:
  - Tie Down Roping – 5 ½ feet under
  - Steer Wrestling – 6 ½ feet under
  - Breakaway Roping – 3 ½ feet under
  - Team Roping – 3 ½ feet under
- The following Ladies Barrel Racing rules will apply:
  - 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.
  - Pattern harrow will be after 5 contestants on draw for Barrel Racing and Junior Barrel Racing. Full arena harrow timing TBC.
- The Following Ladies Breakaway Roping rules will apply:
  - Obvious injury: If a calf, in the judge's discretion, exhibits an obvious injury during competition, the contestant will be flagged out and receive either a re-run or if in the judge's discretion, the injury was caused by the contestant, a no time.
  - Ladies Breakaway Roping contestants must take their stock within 45 seconds of receiving the all clear from the head judge or designee. If a contestant 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, she will receive a \$250 fine. For every 20 seconds over the 45 second limit the fine will be progressively doubled. If a contestant exceeds two minutes in the box it will result in disqualification from the round.
  - Two liners may be used during BAW.
  - All other rules will be enforced as per the INFR rulebook.
  - In the case of a rerun, for any reason deemed necessary by the officials, the extra will be used.

- Timed Event stock - suitable numbered ear tags for all steers in the Steer Wrestling and calves used in the Tie Down Roping and Ladies Breakaway Roping shall be mandatory; no duplicate numbers are permitted. Calves must weigh a minimum of 70kg and steers must weigh a minimum of 180kg. Cattle used must comply with Calgary Stampede Animal Care codes, Government of Alberta livestock brand requirements, CFIA Regulations and deemed fit to compete by the Calgary Stampede Official Veterinarian. All timed event animals for all rounds of competition will be selected by the Calgary Stampede Rodeo management.
- All other rules will be enforced as per the INFR rulebook.

#### PAYOUTS AND PAYOUT PROCEDURES:

- All payouts will be done by Calgary Stampede and INFR Officials
- Any fines assessed to a contestant will be deducted from total payout at the conclusion of the event. If fines exceed amount the contestants has earned, the contestant will be responsible to pay directly to the Calgary Stampede.
- All references to money in this document are expressed in Canadian Funds unless otherwise stated.



**RODEO**

**ANIMAL CARE**

**CODE OF PRACTICE**

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## SECTION 1.

### 1.1 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The wellbeing of animals participating in events at the Calgary Stampede must be safeguarded. It is essential that there are clear understanding and acceptance of responsibilities by all Stampede personnel, volunteers, competitors, exhibitors, and stock providers.

The care of animals for competition, exhibition, or education at the Calgary Stampede requires both experience and the observation of accountable standards. Unless that work is done well, the wellbeing of the animals cannot be adequately protected. Our guiding principles and practices are intended to ensure all those responsible for their implementation accept responsibility for the husbandry, care, and handling outlined in the Animal Care Code of Practice.

The Calgary Stampede will keep current on regulatory policy and guidelines by meeting with various organizations and associations as needed and monitoring industry information related to animal care.

The Calgary Stampede will ensure the ongoing maintenance of its Codes of Practice to create an environment that results in respect and care of our animals.

The Calgary Stampede is competent to handle and care for all the species of animals on Stampede Park and will only employ stock handlers who are competent to handle and care for those animals.

The Calgary Stampede will ensure that people who have responsibilities in the organization to produce events are experienced to ensure that animal wellbeing needs are met.

### 1.2 GUIDANCE AND REGULATORY

Responsible management of our animals and their care at the Calgary Stampede is assured with guidance and/or regulatory frameworks from organizations such as the Livestock Identification Services (LIS), Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Alberta SPCA, Calgary Humane Society, International Association of Fairs & Expositions (IAFE), Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE), as well as several species specific organizations that sanction various Calgary Stampede competitions.

The Calgary Stampede ensure that it is compliant with regulatory standards such as the Alberta Animal Protection Act, Health of Animal Act Part XII, and the Criminal Code of Canada.

### 1.3 AUTHORITY

The Calgary Stampede retains the right to dismiss, fine, and/or suspend anyone not conforming to the Stampede's rules, conditions, and codes of practice.

The Calgary Stampede has the ultimate and final authority on all matters of disciplinary action resulting from the mistreatment of any animals.

The Calgary Stampede rules, regulations, and codes of practice take precedence over all other rules and regulations, and code of practice.

## COMMON STANDARDS

### 1.4. Official Stampede Veterinarian (OSV)

1.4.1 The OSV reports to Calgary Stampede Management and is responsible for providing expert advice on the health, injury, or disease status of an animal and its suitability for competition.

1.4.2 The OSV will be experienced in treating all species of animals participating in events on Stampede Park.

1.4.3 The OSV will be the sole arbiter on issues of animal wellbeing.

1.4.4 The OSV will be responsible for the accreditation approval of "licensed veterinarians" to practice on Stampede Park.

1.4.5. The OSV will appoint Official Accredited Veterinarians (OAV) to assume roles as members of the OSV Animal Care Team. They will operate as representatives of the OSV and will carry out duties as delegated by the OSV.

1.4.6 All veterinarians must be in good standing with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (AbVMA).

1.4.7 The Agriculture Official Stampede Veterinarians (AOSV) operates under the direction and guidance of the OSV. The AOSV oversee all animal care and incidents involving animals on display or competing within Agriculture.

1.4.8 The Calgary Stampede takes great care for animal welfare. In addition to existing drug and equine medication policies in place, drug testing may be conducted at any time for any animal who has competed or is scheduled to compete. It is at the discretion of Calgary Stampede Management or the OSV.

1.4.9 The OSV, AOSV, OAV, and/or Calgary Stampede approved veterinarians will

complete a record of injuries and other defects, including treatment and medication in the Animal Care Treatment Log. All licensed veterinarians who have been approved by the OSV and accredited by the Calgary Stampede must record all veterinary treatment provided by the veterinarian or by the person acting under the veterinarian's supervision and control, on forms supplied by the Calgary Stampede.

1.4.9.1 The Treatment Log must include:

- a. The name of the licensed veterinarian and any person acting under the veterinarian's supervision and control
- b. The name and identification of the animal to which veterinary treatment is provided by tattoo number, brand, or description, including name, markings, colours, age, sex, and microchip
- c. Name of the owner
- d. Party responsible for billing and billing information
- e. The location, date, time, and the nature of the treatment, prescription, or administration of drugs
- f. The identification of the drug or medication by generic name and dosage prescribed or administered
- g. Circumstances, if applicable, that may have contributed to the reported condition including if it was a preexisting condition
- h. The health/condition of the animals should be followed up when applicable and animals only allowed back into competition when approved by the OSV or OAV.

1.4.9.2 All Animal Care Treatment Logs will be submitted digitally daily. <https://app.smartsheet.com/bform/c5f5fab147794c05860b28f8e75bd7cf>

## 1.5. **Alberta SPCA/Calgary Humane Society**

1.5.1 The Calgary Stampede will provide complete and unrestricted access to peace officers of the Alberta SPCA and/or Calgary Humane Society during all events held on Stampede Park.

1.5.2 The Calgary Stampede and the OSV will enforce the CS Code of Practice for the wellbeing of all animals and will work in unity with the Alberta SPCA and/or Calgary Humane Society to ensure animal care is accountable.

## 1.6. **Participants**

1.6.1 The Calgary Stampede, its personnel, contractors, contestants, competitors, volunteers, and exhibitors will clearly understand and accept their responsibilities. All people involved with and participating in Stampede events will be

familiar with the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, where applicable.

- 1.6.2 All participants will comply with the requirements of the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice by acknowledging and signing in the required agreement consent forms.
- 1.6.3 Each participant is responsible for the animals he or she uses during an event and must comply with all applicable sections of the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice.
- 1.6.4 Participants must not intentionally treat animals in a way that is disrespectful and/or causes or potentially causes injury or harm. Violation of the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice could result in disqualification from the event.
- 1.6.5 Unacceptable handling or treatment includes, but is not limited to, striking or kicking an animal, deliberately slamming an animal in a gate, poking or stabbing an animal with a sharp object, hitting an animal in the face, intentionally antagonizing an animal, or any other behaviour that may cause undue stress or injury to the animal.

#### **1.7. Participation of Animals**

- 1.7.1 Any animal that is deemed unfit by the OSV or OAV will not be permitted to participate in competition or for exhibit.
- 1.7.2 All animals will be inspected by an OAV upon arrival at Stampede Park.
- 1.7.3 For animals competing in an event, they will be inspected both before and after the competition. If an animal becomes sick or injured between the time it is inspected and the time it is to compete, it will be removed from the competition.
- 1.7.4 Infectious Disease: Due to the number of animals on Stampede Park during this event, infectious disease is a concern. Any animal suspected of having an infectious disease should be isolated and examined by the OSV immediately. If an infectious disease is suspected, the OSV must be notified immediately by the competitor or the attending AOSV. Competitors must comply with prescribed isolation and quarantine protocols which may include removal from Stampede Park. Jurisdiction will be transferred to the CFIA in the case of reportable diseases (EIA, Food and Mouth, Rabies, etc.)

#### **1.8. Care and Treatment of Animals at Calgary Stampede Events**

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- 1.8.1 Animals must be housed in appropriate pens, and all loading/unloading chutes are to be safe and in compliance with the Calgary Stampede Code of Practice for the applicable events and the Health of Animals Act Part XII.
  - 1.8.2 Livestock holding pens must have shavings or post peelings in place for bedding.
  - 1.8.3 Livestock under the care of the Calgary Stampede will have access to fresh water (based on participation schedule).
  - 1.8.4 The OSV, AOSV, or OAV must be available continuously from at least one hour before the start of the competition until one half hour after the completion of the last event.
  - 1.8.5 The Calgary Stampede, OSV, Pro Rodeo Officials, and Calgary Stampede Management will be empowered to discipline any person, including Calgary Stampede personnel, volunteers, contestants, and contractors who compromise the wellbeing of an animal.
    - a. Only qualified and experienced livestock handlers will undertake the preparation of animals for events.
    - b. All livestock will be handled using low stress handling techniques. Unacceptable handling or treatment includes, but is not limited to, striking or kicking an animal, deliberately slamming an animal in a gate, poking or stabbing an animal with a sharp object, hitting an animal in the face, intentionally antagonizing an animal, or any other behaviour that may cause undue stress or injury to the animal.
  - 1.8.6 Electric prods:
    - a. Electric prods must be:
      - i. Used with restraint on rough stock and only in extreme cases as a last resort
      - ii. Applied only to the rear quarters of the animal while in the lead up alleys to the chutes
    - b. Electric prods must not be used:
      - i. If animal cannot move forward
      - ii. On any sensitive area (face, head, testicles, anus, vagina, belly)
      - iii. Applied multiple times or with aggression
      - iv. On rough stock in the arena while performing
      - v. On timed event cattle
      - vi. To harass any animal
      - vii. While loaded in the bucking chutes

## **1.9. Injured Animal Protocol**

- 1.9.1 Injured animals must be attended to as soon as possible with veterinarian attention being sought immediately.
- 1.9.2 The “animal down” procedure is activated if an animal requires assistance or removal from an event.
- 1.9.3 Livestock care trailers are on site for all Calgary Stampede events involving animals
- 1.9.4 The OSV, AOSV, or OAV is used for injury assessment and action in these situations.
- 1.9.5 The OSV, AOSV, or OAV shall solely be responsible for the expeditious and humane destruction of an animal.
- 1.9.6 Any animal that suffers a catastrophic musculoskeletal injury requiring euthanasia will require drug testing. Any animal that dies suddenly during a Calgary Stampede event will be subject to a post-mortem examination and drug testing. The Calgary Stampede will incur the costs of these procedures under the direction of the OSV team.

## **SECTION 2.**

### **2.1. Competitor and Contractor Protocols**

- 2.1.1 All competitors and contractors will be provided with a copy of the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice and will be responsible for familiarizing themselves with the requirements within the Code of Practice.
- 2.1.2 All competitors and contractors will comply with the requirements of the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice by acknowledging and signing in the required agreement consent forms.
- 2.1.3 Competitors who fail to agree to the Animal Care Code of Practice by signing the competition entry form will not be permitted to compete at the Calgary Stampede.
- 2.1.4 No person participating in rodeo events will be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, prohibited substances, and/or prescription medication.
- 2.1.5 Each competitor or contractor is responsible for the animals he or she provides

or uses during an event and must comply with all applicable sections of the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice.

- 2.1.6 Competitors or contractors who intentionally treat animals in a way that is disrespectful and/or cause injury or harm and are in violation of the Code of Practice will be disqualified from competition.
- 2.1.7 Unacceptable handling or treatment includes, but is not limited to, striking or kicking an animal, deliberately slamming an animal in a gate, poking or stabbing an animal with a sharp object, hitting an animal in the face, intentionally antagonizing an animal, or any other behaviour that may cause undue stress or injury to the animal.
- 2.1.8 Animals loaded in the bucking chutes cannot have their heads bent back, cannot be struck or kicked, cannot have electric prods applied, cannot be stood on, cannot be intentionally antagonized, or treated in any manner that may lead to distress or injury.
- 2.1.9 If, at any time, a competitor and/or contractor sees an animal that appears lame or injured, has an open bleeding wound or appears distressed, they must notify a Calgary Stampede representative or arena crew.
- 2.1.10 Stock should be removed from the arena immediately after completion of an event.

## 2.2 **Contracted Stock**

- 2.2.1 All contractors represent the Calgary Stampede and therefore are expected to uphold all standards set forth in the Code of Practice for Rodeo. Stock contractors contracted for the Rodeo are responsible for the appropriate husbandry and handling of their rodeo stock. Stock contractors will ensure:
  - a. Stock are in good health including no signs of lameness, no open wounds, no raw brands, and/or no wounds that will open up during competition
  - b. Stock that is deemed unfit to compete is withdrawn from competition
  - c. Stock is suitable for the purpose for which they are intended
  - d. All halters and flanks are in good working order and in compliance with the PRCA rule book
  - e. All instructions of the OSV are adhered to
  - f. Cattle and horses are penned separately in the back pens
  - g. Aggressive stock are separated from other stock
  - h. Animals incompatible by nature are not housed together
  - i. Injured stock are treated appropriately, isolated and housed as directed by the OSV

- j. Only Calgary Stampede mares will be permitted to compete should they arrive on Stampede Park with a foal at their side. Foal must be left with other foals when the mare is in competition. Both mare and foal must always be on water.
- k. No nursing calves or nursing foals, including on ponies, are allowed on Stampede Park.

### 2.3. **Fitness to Compete**

- 2.3.1 All rodeo animals must be examined by the OSV prior to the start of the event.
- 2.3.2 At the end of each event, the OSV will perform a visual inspection of each animal upon its exit from the arena.
- 2.3.3 Any animal which is deemed unfit to compete will not be permitted to perform, this will include any animal that is cut or bleeding.
- 2.3.4 If a rodeo animal becomes sick or injured between the time it is drawn and the time scheduled to compete, that animal will not be used and another animal will be drawn for the contestant.
- 2.3.5 Handlers and contractors are expected to notify Calgary Stampede representatives or the OSV immediately of any animals that are injured, appear ill, or lame.
- 2.3.6 Cattle with horns that are likely to cause injury to other animals must have the tips (the outer 2.5 cm) removed.
- 2.3.7 Freshly branded animals or brands that are not fully healed will not be accepted. All animals must comply with all Government of Alberta brand requirements.

### 2.4. **Arena**

- 2.4.1 The size of the arena, the grooming of the track and the condition of gear used are critical in protecting animals from injury. Careful planning and construction of arenas will make the handling and removal of stock from the arenas easier and will increase stock and contestant safety.
- 2.4.2 Arena:
  - a. The arena should have a suitable, soil-based surface, groomed to specific competition needs. Other surfaces may be used if they are well drained, providing a secure footing and deemed as safe for the animal as an appropriate soil-based surface.

- b. The arena must be of a size suitable for the events to take place and to minimize the likelihood of injurious contact with the perimeter fence.
- c. The construction height and appearance of arena fencing should discourage stock from attempting to push through the fence or jump over it. Fencing will be six feet high.
- d. Arena fences must be clearly visible and not appear open to stock.

## 2.5 **Gear**

- 2.5.1 Before the rodeo commences, Pro Rodeo Officials must be satisfied that all gear and equipment to be used in a rodeo has been inspected to ensure that it meets all requirements of this standard.
- 2.5.2 Any object that may irritate the skin of an animal is not permitted in the cinch, saddle, flank strap, bareback rigging, halter, or the braided rein attached to the halter.
- 2.5.3 All rough stock will be inspected in the stripping chute for injury or abrasions.

## 2.6 **Bareback and Novice Bareback**

- 2.6.1 The girth on the Bareback rigging must be wide enough to prevent chafing or cutting of the girth.
- 2.6.2 Flank straps must be of the quick release type with linings that are supple and in good condition. They must be placed on the animal in such a way that the lined portion evenly overlies both flanks and the abdomen. Care must be given to ensure that sand, grit, and other abrasives do not accumulate in the lining of the flank strap.
- 2.6.3 Bareback pads must completely cover the inside of the rigging and are to extend a full two inches behind the rigging.
- 2.6.4 The spur rowel must be dull and must rotate smoothly.

## 2.7 **Saddle Bronc and Novice Saddle Bronc**

- 2.7.1 The saddle must be correctly placed and fitted to avoid injury.
- 2.7.2 There must be sufficient clearance under the gullet of the saddle to prevent rubbing or injury to the withers.
- 2.7.3 The front cinch of the saddle must be of sufficient width to prevent cutting or chafing of the girth.

- 2.7.4 The back cinch must not be so tight as to cause the horse to fall.
- 2.7.5 Flank straps must be of the quick release type with linings that are supple and in good condition. They must be placed on the animal in such a way that the lined portion evenly overlies both blanks and the abdomen. Care must be taken to ensure that sand, grit, and other abrasives do not accumulate in the lining of the flank strap.
- 2.7.6 The spur rowel must be dull and rotate smoothly.

## 2.8 **Tie-Down Roping**

- 2.8.1 All reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure that calves are not mishandled during run.
- 2.8.2 The contestant must adjust the rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf.
- 2.8.3 A contestant will be disciplined if the rope horse drags the animal after it is roped and tied, whether intended or not. Penalty will be at judges' discretion.
- 2.8.4 After the tie is completed and has been signaled, the roper must immediately remount and loosen the catch rope. Contestant is fined at judges' discretion.
- 2.8.5 Ropes must be removed from the calf immediately after the tie is flagged.
- 2.8.6 Preconditioned – All calves must be held by a neck rope, thrown, and tied, prior to arrival at Stampede Park.
- 2.8.7 All calves must be habituated to arena by being walked or run through the arena from the release chute to the catch pen the morning of their first day of competition.
- 2.8.8 A contestant will be disqualified on a run if an animal is mishandled, whether intended or not.
- 2.8.9 Contestant must rope animal with a clean catch around the neck, which calf's whole head has passed through the loop, and no extremities (for example, ears, legs, or tail) are to be pinned by the rope (bell collar catch).
- 2.8.10 Calves may be used up to four times during the ten days.
- 2.8.11 Calves must meet the minimum weight of 70 kg.

## 2.9 Steer Wrestling

- 2.9.1 The steer must not be knocked down or thrown before it is brought to a stop and the catch is made.
- 2.9.2 An automatic no time will be given to a contestant if a steer “dog falls”. (A dog fall occurs when the hip of the steer falls in the opposite direction of the intended throw. Should that hip come into contact with any other part of the steer or the ground.)
- 2.9.3 If a steer “dog falls”, the contestant must release the steer immediately and assist the animal is recovering from the fall by turning the steer’s head so it may stand up. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification from competition.
- 2.9.4 Pre-conditioned – All steers must have been run and thrown in a rodeo at least three times prior to the Calgary Stampede.
- 2.9.5 All Steer Wrestling cattle to be used at the Calgary Stampede will be weighed and inspected for health and fitness by the OSV.
- 2.9.6 Steers must meet the Calgary Stampede weight requirements (min. 180 kg).
- 2.9.7 Steers may be used up to four times during the ten days.

## 2.10 Breakaway Roping

- 2.10.1 All reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure that calves are not mishandled during run.
- 2.10.2 All calves must be habituated to the arena by walking or run through the arena from the release chute to the catch pen the morning of their first day of competition.
- 2.10.3 A contestant will be disqualified on a run if an animal is mishandled, whether intended or not.
- 2.10.4 Contestants must adhere to the WPRA Equine Drugs and Medication Rules.
- 2.10.5 Calves may be used up to four times during the ten days.
- 2.10.6 Calves for Qualifiers may be used up to three times per day.
- 2.10.7 Calves must meet the minimum weight of 70 kg.

## 2.11 **Barrel Racing**

- 2.11.1 Barrels must not have sharp edges that can harm a horse.
- 2.11.2 Horses cannot be struck on the neck or face with crop/whip.
- 2.11.3 Harmful bits cannot be used on Barrel horses.
- 2.11.4 The use of bats, spurs, and riding crops are allowed. Contestants will be fined \$100.00 for batting horse above the shoulder (above breast collar) at judges' discretion.
- 2.11.5 Contestants must adhere to the WPRA Equine Drugs and Medication Rules.

## 2.12 **Bull Riding**

- 2.12.1 Equipment used for Bull Riding must be fitted to fall off the bull once the rider falls or dismounts.
- 2.12.2 The equipment used should be a loose rope with or without a handhold.
- 2.12.3 A soft cotton rope of at least 5/8" in diameter is acceptable as a flank strap and does not require lining.
- 2.12.4 There should be no knots or hitches preventing the rope from falling from the animal after the contestant has been thrown or dismounted.
- 2.12.5 Any rowel deemed too sharp and/or has been altered in any way, including without limitation, in a manner whereby it appears unsafe it will be deemed Illegal Equipment.

## 2.13 **Junior Steer Riding**

- 2.13.1 Equipment used for Junior Steer Riding must be fitted to fall off the animal once the rider falls or dismounts.
- 2.13.2 The equipment used should be a loose rope with or without a handhold.
- 2.13.3 A soft cotton rope of at least 5/8" in diameter is acceptable as a flank strap and does not require lining.
- 2.13.4 There should be no knots or hitches preventing the rope from falling from the animal after the contestant has been thrown or dismounted.

2.13.5 Suitable cattle must be yearling steers, heifers, or small cows, between 700 to 1,000 pounds. No horned cattle will be permitted.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Code of Conduct

Appendix 2 – Barn Announcement

**CALGARY STAMPEDE**  
**Barn C, D, E, F, G, H Evacuation Announcement**

Note: In the event of a fire alarm, immediate evacuation of the Barns is necessary.

If it is safe to do so, please announce the following:

1. May we have your attention please.  
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2. The problem we are experiencing requires us to evacuate the barn.
3. Please, in a calm and orderly manner, evacuate the barn by way of the closest exit doors. Follow the instructions given by Stampede personnel.
4. When you have left the barn, move well away from the doors to allow people behind you to exit.
5. Please do not go back into the barn until you have been told it is safe to do so.

**(Repeat this announcement three times.)**

*This document is to be posted in the P.A. System Room in H Barn.*

Livestock Emergency Bags are located in the following areas:

- Stable Gate (2)
- H Barn P.A. System Room (2)
- H Barn Lunchroom (2)

## APPENDIX 1

### CODE OF CONDUCT

1. All rodeo participants will:
  - a. Consistently demonstrate ethical conduct in the best interest of all rodeo animals
  - b. 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.
  - c. Promote a safe sporting environment in the arena, stalling barns, and back pens—before, during, and after the rodeo
  - d. Ensure responsible care in the handling, treatment, and transportation of their horses as well as horses and/or cattle placed in their care for any purpose
  - e. Exhibit standards of professional behaviour which will maintain public confidence and trust in the integrity of the Calgary Stampede rodeo, the sport of rodeo, and the Calgary Stampede
  - f. Cooperate in the enforcement of all relevant rule books referred to in the Calgary Stampede Ground Rules, the Animal Care Code of Conduct, and agree to accept the authority and decisions of the Pro Rodeo officials and Calgary Stampede officials.
2. Rodeo participants are subject to sanctions if they are found to have breached the Animal Care Code of Conduct.
3. Rodeo participants grant the Calgary Stampede the right to make any Code of Conduct sanctions public if the Calgary Stampede deems it appropriate in their sole discretion.
4. All animals will be transported in accordance with Government of Canada Health of Animals Act Part XII.
5. All animals provided for competition at the Calgary Stampede rodeo will be in optimal health and meet all criteria as per the Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice.
6. Rodeo participants will have read, understood, and agree to comply with the entire 2026 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, including the Owner Information and Consent below.

**Owner Information and Consent:**

1. In order to preserve the integrity of the Calgary Stampede and to promote the future safety of the animals participating therein, I hereby authorize the Calgary Stampede, or its duly appointed representatives including the Official Calgary Stampede Veterinary Team, to release the findings of any such post-mortem examination or drug testing involving any one of my animals to such parties as deemed fit by the Calgary Stampede in its sole discretion, after said results have been reported to me.
2. I certify that I am the owner/agent of the animals submitted for competition at the Calgary Stampede.
3. I consent to the remains of any animal being submitted for:
  - a. Necropsy and related pathology procedures, and/or
  - b. Bacteriology, and/or
  - c. Toxicology, and/or
  - d. Drug testing, and/or
  - e. Such other tests or examinations as deemed appropriate by the Official Calgary Stampede Veterinary Team.
4. I will provide to Calgary Stampede, in advance, detailed information on any horses that I will be using at the 2026 Calgary Stampede. Detailed information will include:
  - a. Animal Name
  - b. Brand or Tattoo
  - c. Breed
  - d. Colour
  - e. Age
  - f. Sex

Competitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If the person on whose behalf this Agreement is being executed is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must also execute this Agreement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Minor: \_\_\_\_\_



**2026 First Nations Rodeo  
Contestant Acknowledgement & Agreement**

Prior to being considered entered at the 2026 Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo, each contestant must read the included documents and agree to the terms with your signature below.

<b>Contestant Agreement</b> I have read and understand the 2026 Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo Contestant Agreement. I Understand that it contains important terms and conditions, including ones limiting liability.	Initial: _____
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<b>Ground Rules</b> I have read and understand the 2026 Calgary Stampede First Nations Rodeo Ground Rules. The Ground Rules contain event specific rules.	Initial: _____
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<b>Animal Care Codes</b> I have read and understand the entire 2026 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Practice, including Owner Information and Consent consenting to release of necropsy Information and the 2026 Calgary Stampede Animal Care Code of Conduct.	Initial: _____
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I understand that if I have questions, at any time, regarding the Rodeo Contestants Agreement, Ground Rules, and/or Animal Care Codes, I will consult with the appointed contacts at the Calgary Stampede.

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_