

May 2008

Dear Rodeo Contestants,

It is time to be getting rodeo on your mind in Carbondale!!

The Rodeo Committee has been working all winter and spring to plan for the 2008 season. We are delighted to announce a few changes this year that we hope will improve our entertainment value and enhance your participation:

- We are adding a section of Steer Riding for 10 to 16 year olds.
 - Limited to 6 riders plus 3 alternates.
 - Steer Riders must provide their own helmets and vests.
 - Steer riders who's 17 birthday falls after June 5th will be allowed to finish out the series
- We are offering Junior Barrel Racing instead of Exhibition Barrel Racing.
 - Junior Barrel Racing will be limited to 10 contestants.
 - Junior Barrel Racers must be 12 years old and under.
 - Junior Barrel Racers who's 12 birthday falls after June 5th will be allowed to finish out the series
- We have increased the Open Barrel Racing to 20 contestants.
- We have acquired new bleachers that will increase the seating capacity by 500 spectators.
- We will be increasing our parking capacity by about 30%.
- Tony Tonozzi and Jerry Berentis will return as our stock contractors.
- Katie Ford is returning as our Secretary.
- We're delighted to welcome Brett Tonozzi as our new arena director.

We have also put a lot of work into our website: www.carbondalerodeo.com. Look under the "Contestant" tab. You will find all of the rules posted. We also intend to post results, season standings, pictures, and other information for contestants and attendees.

In this packet is your guide to successfully participating in this year's rodeo series.

Applications: Your "Entry Application and Release Form" is included in this package. Please sign this and return it by mail before Friday, May 30th to the following address:
Carbondale Wild West Rodeo Association Inc
586 Highway 133 PMB 171
Carbondale, CO 81623.

If we receive your "Entry Application and Release Form" prior to the deadline, you will be allowed to register for the first Rodeo. Participants that have not completed their "Entry Application and Release Form" will be given a new form and sent to the back of the line.

The first Rodeo will be Thursday, June 5th. We will run through August 14th. The Finals will be the next Thursday, August 21st.

Entrance and parking: ALL CONTESTANTS WITH HORSE TRAILERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENTER AND EXIT THE RODEO GROUNDS FROM THE WILLOW LANE ENTRANCE. We will have signs posted on CR100 to direct you to the correct entrance. As you did last year, please park as “tightly” as possible in the pasture to assure that we can get all of our participants in the pasture. There will be a parking attendant at the entrance to the Arena Grounds from Willow Lane to assist, as there was last year. We will also be enforcing the rule governing free companion spectators: ALL CONTESTANTS WILL BE ABLE TO BRING IN ONLY ONE FREE COMPANION (ie husband, wife, significant other, and friend). Other people riding in your vehicle will be asked to pay. As always, children 10 and under will be admitted FREE.

Secretary sign-up: Rodeo registration will be accepted by call-ins on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm – 8:00pm; the call-in line is (970) 923-9270 (same as last year and same as Snowmass) and will open June 3rd at 6:00pm sharp. On the night of the rodeo, in order to assure that we are able to start on time, all ropers must pay by 6:00pm (ropers that are in line at the 6:00pm cut-off will be allowed to pay) and all other participants must pay by 7:15pm. All questions and disputes regarding registration will be resolved by the rodeo secretary and the rodeo secretary’s decision is final!

All entry fees must be paid during registration. Cash and checks will be accepted and ALL payouts will be by check.

Contestants may register on rodeo night, at the rodeo grounds, for the performance next week for all events except barrel racing and mutton busting; barrel racers and mutton busters will need to call the call-in line every week.

Entry Fees and payouts:

Bull Riders

- Entry fees = \$50
- Payouts– 1-8 Riders pay two places = 60%/40%; 9-15 Riders pays three places = 50%/30%/20%

Steer Riders

- Entry fees = \$25
- Payouts– 1-6 Riders pays three places = 50%/30%/20%

Team Ropers

- Entry fees = \$25 (\$50 per team)
- Payouts = 50%/30%/20% - after stock contractor has been paid

Dally Ribbon Roping

- Entry fees = \$20 (\$40 per team)
- Payouts = 60%/40%

Junior Barrel Racers

- Entry fees = \$10
- Payouts– 1-5 riders pays three places = 50%/30%/20%; 6-10 riders pays four places = 40%/30%/20%/10%

Open Barrel Racers

- Entry fees = \$35
- Payouts– 1-6 riders pays two places = 60%/40%; 7-12 riders pays three places = 50%/30%/20% 13-20 riders pays four places = 40%/30%/20%/10%

Amount of winnings will be used to determine the buckle winners.

The order of events this year will be as follows:

Bull Riding (5)
 Team Roping #8
 Mutton Bustin'
 Dally Ribbon Roping
 Junior Barrels
 Steer Riding.
 Team Roping #11
 Calf Scramble
 Open Barrel Racing
 Bull Riding (5)

Safety and conduct: Due to the significant increase in attendance and for the safety of the attendees, please DO NOT WALK OR RIDE YOUR HORSES AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE ARENA OR IN THE ROADWAY. PLEASE KEEP YOUR HORSES IN THE PARKING FIELD OR IN THE PRACTICE ARENA. THIS IS A SERIOUS SAFETY AND INSURANCE MATTER; VIOLATORS WILL BE TURNED-OUT IF THEY HAVE YET TO RUN (ROPERs WILL BE TURNED-OUT FROM ALL OF THEIR PENDING RUNS), OR DISQUALIFIED FOR NEXT WEEK IF THEY HAVE ALREADY RUN.

Ropers – for safety and viewing purposes, there will only be 3 teams on deck that will be allowed to be in the arena during team roping. Please keep your horses close to the entrance gate. Brett and Tony will enforce this rule this year.

As always, the Carbondale Wild West Rodeo Association reserves the right to refuse entry/participation to any contestant exhibiting rude or unsportsmanlike conduct. Please understand that we are all VOLUNTEERS; the volunteers are the backbone of our rodeo and without them, you would not have the opportunity to compete; they do appreciate your patience and respect. CONTESTANTS THAT ARE ABUSIVE AND DISRESPECTFUL TOWARD VOLUNTEERS WILL BE TURNED-OUT IF THEY HAVE YET TO RUN (ROPERs WILL BE TURNED-UP FROM ALL OF THEIR PENDING RUNS), OR DISQUALIFIED FOR NEXT WEEK IF THEY HAVE ALREADY RUN. The decision of the Association will be final.

We are interested in your issues and feedback, but like you, we go to the rodeo to have a good time. During the performance; all questions, rule interpretations, and disputes will be decided by judges, rodeo secretary and arena director: NO EXCEPTIONS! After the performance, you are welcome to direct any comments or suggestions to Dave Weimer at 618-6824 or Mike Kennedy at 379-3907. We are always looking for ways to improve the event for you.

Mutton busting: Mutton busters will need to be aware of two rules changes for this year: mutton busters must register through the call-in line on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm – 8:00pm; the call-in line is (970) 923-9270; and, in order to offer more mutton busters an opportunity to participate, mutton busters will not be allowed to ride on consecutive weeks. The rodeo committee will be sending a contestant's letter to mutton busters that participated last year. We will also publish the mutton buster's letter, along with this letter, on the website under the "Contestant" tab. So, if your mutton buster doesn't receive a letter, look for it on the web.

If you have any sponsors that may be interested in providing added money, please have them contact us.

We look forward to an outstanding 2008 Carbondale Wild West Rodeo Season. Without your cooperation and support, this event would not be possible. We look forward to putting on a GREAT show in 2008. See you soon!!

The Carbondale Wild West Rodeo Association.