

# **Open Pro Rodeo Contestant Information 2011**

TEJAS RODEO COMPANY WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER NINE MONTHS OF OPEN PRO RODEOS WITH GREAT PRIZES THIS YEAR, WHICH INCLUDE TROPHY SADDLES FOR EACH EVENT, SPRING AND FALL SERIES BUCKLES FOR EACH EVENT, A YEAR END FINALS WITH BUCKLES AWARDED IN EACH EVENT FOR THE FINALS RODEO, ALONG WITH OTHER PRIZES FROM WRANGLER AND JUSTIN BOOTS.

At the request of our contestants and spectators, Tejas Rodeo Company will continue to produce open pro rodeos for 9 straight months in 2011.

## **38 OPEN PRO RODEOS IN 2011**

This year the open pro rodeos will start on March 5, 2011 and continue each Saturday through November 19, 2011. In all, there will be 38 open pro rodeos! With this schedule, and to make the rodeos more exciting and rewarding for both the contestant and spectator, we will continue to have series prizes, and a "finals" rodeo, which will be our last rodeo of the 2011 season. In team roping, we will continue to impose a rule limiting the amount of times an individual can compete on a particular rodeo night. To provide better prizes to the contestants, we will also continue to collect from each contestant at each rodeo a nominal "\$3 year-end prize assessment", all of which (100%) will go directly back to the year-end prizes or series prizes for the sole benefit of the competitors. The year-end prize for 2011 will be trophy saddles for each event. We will utilize a total point system, instead of money earned throughout the 38 rodeos, to determine who qualifies for the finals, and who wins the series and year end prizes. The point system, as explained below, will be slightly different for 2011. We will also have 2 separate trophy buckles series in 2011. Of course, each Saturday night rodeo will be jackpotted, and we will continue to provide good cattle and only charge reasonable stock charges. The top 15 in each event will be automatically invited to the finals. The finals will not only count towards the year end trophy saddles and summer/fall buckles, but will also allow the rodeo contestants to compete for trophy buckles in each event for that specific rodeo, along with other prizes from Wrangler and Justin boots.

## **Notice**

Tejas Rodeo Company has a full mixed beverages permit.

PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE FACILITY OR TAKEN OUT OF THE FACILITY.

PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, ANY BULL RIDER 18 YEARS OR YOUNGER, MUST WEAR A HELMET AND PROTECTIVE VEST.

## **SPECIAL ENTRY RULES FOR TEAM ROPING**

Each contestant may enter, for any Saturday night rodeo, a total maximum of 4 times, as long as each entry has a different header/heeler combination. This entry limitation applies regardless of whether you are heading, heeling or doing both at a particular rodeo.

## **INFORMATION AND RULES RELATING TO ENTERING RODEO**

The books will close as to all events (including team roping) at 7:15 p.m. the day of each rodeo. If you do not call in and walk-up to enter, there will be a \$15.00 walk-up fee charged. Contestants may call in (830-980-2226, metro number) and enter between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the Wednesday before each rodeo. In the event a contestant calls in and enters, he or she must pay his or her fees by 7:15 p.m. on the night of the rodeo. **NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** In the event that a contestant calls in and does not show up, he or she will be assessed a \$15 turn-out fee. Any turn-out fee assessed must be paid prior to the contestant competing in any future rodeos, unless otherwise decided by rodeo officials. If a contestant calls in for another contestant and that contestant does not timely show up for the rodeo, the contestant calling in is responsible for any turn-out fees associated with the "no show" contestant. We may, at our discretion, pay day money for team roping performance. If there are not sufficient entries in any event to put on an adequate rodeo performance, then we reserve the right to not allow that event to go forward in the slack. The entry fees in each event are as follows: bull riding \$25 (we reserve the right to change this); team roping \$40 per person/\$80 per team; breakaway calf roping (limited to females and boys 13 and under) \$60; tie down calf roping \$60; and, barrel racing \$45.

## **2011 YEAR-END PRIZE ASSESSMENT**

Each and every contestant at each rodeo will be assessed a nominal \$3 year-end prize assessment for each event they compete. This assessment will, in turn, be utilized towards the purchase of the year-end prize or the buckle series prizes. No overhead will be taken out of this assessment, and all of the money collected as a result of this assessment will be used for prize(s) that will be awarded to the contestants.

## **MODIFIED YEAR-END PRIZES/POINT SYSTEM**

The year-end prize for 2011 will be trophy saddles for each event (heading and heeling are considered different events and each will be awarded a trophy saddle). We will use a 10-1 point system. In other words, first place will receive 10 points, second place will receive 9 points, and third place will receive 8 points, and so on. A contestant will no longer receive points for each rodeo the contestant enters that particular event, unless the contestant places in the top 10. By way of example, if a contestant enters the team roping as a header, wins the rodeo that night, then the contestant will receive a total of 10 points for winning the rodeo and those points will count towards the series, year end, and final rodeo. To be eligible for the year-end prizes, the contestant must attend and compete in at least 15 rodeos (less than ½ of the rodeos in the series) for 2011.

## **SPRING/SUMMER BUCKLE SERIES**

The summer/spring series will begin March 5, 2011 and will run through July 2, 2011 (18 rodeos). Trophy buckles will be awarded to high point winner in each event for series. To be eligible for the buckles, the contestant must attend and compete in at least 9 rodeos during the spring/summer series.

## **SUMMER/FALL BUCKLE SERIES**

The summer/fall buckle series will begin July 9, 2011, and will run through November 12, 2011 (20 rodeos). Trophy buckles will be awarded to high point winner in each event for series. To be eligible for the buckles, the contestant must attend and compete in at least 9 rodeos during the summer/fall series.

## **FINALS RODEO**

For the entire regular rodeo season (March 5 — November 12), the top 15 point earners in each event will qualify for the finals rodeo that will be held on November 19, 2011. The points accumulated in the finals rodeo will count towards the year end prizes to be awarded in each event and will also count toward the series buckles to be awarded in each event for the summer/fall series. Additionally, the contestants that qualify for the finals rodeo will also be competing for trophy buckles in each event for that particular rodeo. Wrangler and Justin will also be providing additional prizes for the contestants in the finals rodeo. If you qualify for the finals rodeo, you will be required to call in and enter the Wednesday (November 16, 2010) before the finals rodeo between 12 noon and 6 p.m. If you do not call in and enter, then, at Tejas Rodeo Company's discretion, the next contestant in line to qualify for the finals will be invited to take your place at the finals rodeo. If you qualify for the finals but have not competed in enough rodeos to qualify for year end or series prizes, you can still compete in the finals but you are only eligible to win the jackpot money and the finals' prizes.

## **OTHER EVENTS AT TEAS RODEO COMPANY**

Be sure to check our website and online calendar, or call Yancey (830-980-2226) to find out about other events that will be taking place at Tejas Rodeo Company. Some of the events already scheduled for 2011 include team ropings, calf ropings, youth rodeos, play days, team penning, and ranch sortings.