



PROFESSIONAL WESTERN RODEO ASSOCIATION

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CONGRATULATIONS 2017 PRO WEST FINALS RODEO CONTESTANTS

The Pro-West Board of Directors and membership would like to congratulate all contestants on qualifying for the 2017 Pro-West Finals Rodeo. We have a great lineup of Rodeo Personnel as well. Pro-West is excited to once again be at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds working with the North Idaho Fair and Rodeo Committee to put on a successful Finals Rodeo! With everyone's help this will be a great event!

Important information to know before you arrive:

1. Physical Address:
Kootenai County Fairgrounds
4056 N. Government Way
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
2. Contestant entrance will be GATE C (one block East of Government Way, on Kathleen Ave) the gate will open at 7am, Friday, September 29th.
3. **Tough Enough to Wear Pink Friday night -- Patriot Night Saturday night Red White & Blue**
4. Wristbands will be distributed at the rodeo office for the contestant and for the number of dependents listed on your Pro-West Membership Card. Tickets will also be included for the hospitality tent FOR Friday Night. Wristbands **SHALL BE WORN**. They authorize entrance into arena, Silver Buckle Club (VIP Area) where you must have your wristband on and your ticket to be able to eat there on Friday, and no cover at the dance.
5. If you are staying on the grounds in your trailer, there will be someone on the back gate assigning parking places. Stalls and Warm-Up Arena are located to the North. Stalls are not the responsibility of the Pro West this year. You must contact the Fairgrounds to reserve one if you want one. Please no trailer clean-out in the parking lot! There are wheel barrels and forks provided and a specific dumping area designated for your use. You will be assigned a parking spot and please clean up after yourself before you leave. If you do not a \$50 fine will be assed.
6. Contestant Check-In will be from 11am to 4pm, and located in the **Jacklin Building** which is located at the south side of the arena. There you will pay your fees of \$200 plus \$20 for the office fees—all \$200 will be going into the pot. **Please turn in your item for the crisis fund and queen auctions at this time.**
7. **MANDATORY Contestant Meeting at 4:00pm** in the Jacklyn Building, followed by photos. Please wear Western Attire! No ball caps or t-shirts! You will receive your vest at this meeting from your director. If you are going to be late or if it becomes impossible for you to attend this **mandatory meeting—you need to contact your director.**

8. Performance start times are **Friday at 6pm** and **Saturday at 6pm**. Contestants **MUST** be ready to compete and follow directions of the Arena Director (Ray Hanson).
9. There is an after party and dance on both Friday and Saturday nights upstairs in the Clubhouse thanks to the North Idaho Fair and Rodeo Committee. Please show your appreciation for this celebration in your honor!
10. Entrance into the Silver Buckle Club should be considered a “luxury”, please be considerate of the VIP’s and the sponsors in this area!! The North Idaho Rodeo Committee is sponsoring this meal for you on Friday only. This is for you the contestant and one guest. You both must have a wristband on and have a ticket to receive your meals.
11. There will be a hospitality area in the Jacklin Bldg for you and your family members on Saturday evening starting at 5:00 pm. Hosted by Pro West and sponsored by Rick Merrill, Attorney, Everett, WA (rickmerrillatty@aol.com please thank him).
12. The General membership meeting is at **10am Saturday morning**. Please attend. Your views, concerns and votes matter. You will be nominating and voting on the following **directors: TD, BKY, WBR, BR, Fair Rodeo, Special Contracts, Central Entry and Rough Stock At Large**. The President and Vice-President’s positions are two year terms. This is the year to elect the Vice President. Janet O’Neil resigned her position as Vice-President last year and you voted for Ray Hanson to fill the rest of her term last fall as well as 2017.
13. Those contestants winning Finals Champion Buckles for their events will receive their award at the Awards Brunch on Sunday morning.
14. The Live Auctions for the Crisis Fund will be at the Clubhouse spaced out during our party after the rodeo Friday and Saturday evenings. Please bring an item for these auctions and ask other family members and friends attending to do the same. We gave out close to \$3000 in Crisis Funds this rodeo season and we need to replenish our fund. Thank you for your support.
15. There will be a no-host Awards Brunch starting at 10:00 am on Sunday morning in the Jacklin Building. Cost is \$10 which includes gratuity. It is mandatory that you attend if you want to receive your award or you will need to purchase it from the association. If you cannot attend, you may write a letter of explanation prior to the meeting of the new board on Saturday afternoon at 1pm with an explanation of why you cannot attend. It is the board’s discretion if you will receive your award at that point. See Rule B6.4.4 in your rule book.

16. Motels:

Shiloh Inn Suites
 702 W Appleway Ave
 Coeur d’Alene, ID 83814
 208.664.2300
 \$79 + tax

Best Western
 506 W Appleway Ave
 Coeur d’Alene, ID 83814
 208.765.3200
 \$85 + tax

We look forward to a fun and successful rodeo! Good luck to all of you! If you have any questions please call the office at 503.864.7435, or call your director.