

KCI Rodeo Central Entry for 2011

- KCI offers Rodeo Central Entry Software and Central Entry Services providing associations an exceptional state of the art system for contestants entering rodeos, handling buddy groups, text or email draw confirmations.
- PHONE / and ONLINE systems, or combined system.
- Priority draw list reports, along with buddy group reports
- Online entries for convenience of contestants-allowing longer entry times making it easier for your members to take care of business. Printable entry confirmation at entry time (online) – verbal confirmation numbers if entering by phone.
- Email or text message option for call back information as soon as draw is done.
- Full service reports output for the ease of the rodeo secretary along with the Association office. Along with draw ready to post to website. Judges, timers sheets, draw sheets all ready available.
- Contestant conflict reports on multiple rodeo weekends, to assist in trades if permitted.

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ONLINE/PHONE ENTRY SERVICE

- KCI supplies Rodeo Central Entry software and web services for to a number of rodeo associations.
- KCI also contracts with associations to provide full service Rodeo Central Entry for the association.
- This is an overview of what your options are from a rodeo association perspective. As well as some important observations about the entry process from our years of experience working with multiple associations.
- A set of screen shots from the contestant perspective.
- A set of screen shots from the entry secretary perspective.
- A set of screen shots that your association will use to keep membership and eligibility information current.

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Options and pricing for associations

The rodeo entry options by associations basically follow these 5 scenarios:

- **Phone Call In - random preference draws** (can have other options on the preference draws, like members 1st , or multiple rodeos 1st , or about any combination of options)- phone, email, text message call back.
- **Phone Call In - buddy groups, random preference draws** (can have other options on the preference draws, like members 1st , or multiple rodeos get drawn 1st , or about any combination of options) - phone, email, text message call back.
- **Phone Call In/ONLINE ENTRY - random preference draws** (can have other options on the preference draws, like members 1st , or multiple rodeos get drawn 1st , or about any combination of options) - phone, email, text message call back.
- **Phone Call In/ONLINE ENTRY - buddy groups, random preference draws** (can have other options on the preference draws, like members 1st , or multiple rodeos 1st , or about any combination of options) - phone, email, text message call back.

The above options assume single or multiple performances, and SLACK for rodeos.

Single Performance/Slack rodeos with no buddy groups, or preference draw generally would not need these services.

SEE ARENA MANAGEMENT/ONLINE OPTIONS BELOW

- Phone Call In – or ONLINE ENTRY - no buddy groups – no preference draw - first to call in get the performance they request, if that performance is available. If this is your system, you might want to look at our **Arena Management Software** to make it a bit easier for your entry secretaries. The Arena Management Software is used by many Junior and High School Rodeo Associations and Producers , to manage the entries and produce random draws, time/score sheets, etc.
- Doing an ONLINE ENTRY is usually a good option, for these types of rodeos, we set them up so when a performance is full, the full perf is no longer an selection option, but contestant can still enter other perfs, or slack. Can also be set up so NO SLACK entry can be made until the performances are full.

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- Entry options 1 and 2 –the association can acquire a license for in-house computers, and provide association staffing to take entries using KCI Central Entry software as a standalone application, or can outsource the rodeo central entry process to KCI. Cost to association is original setup charges and a charge per contestant entry per rodeo – 1 contestant enters 1 rodeo = X\$’s per contestant entry. All expenses for personnel, phone system, office, etc, are borne by association.
- Entry Options 3 and 4 with ONLINE ENTRY- the association can acquire a Central Entry license for in-house computers, and provide association staffing to take entries using KCI Central Entry Online administrative functions for entries that are made by phone or other methods, all entries are then downloaded into the Central Entry Program to run the preference draw, and assign entries to performances. Cost to association is original setup charges and a charge per contestant entry per rodeo – 1 contestant enters 1 rodeo = X\$’s per contestant entry. All expenses for personnel, phone system, office, etc. are borne by association.
- Outsource the entire rodeo central entry process to KCI or our affiliate, all functions remain the same, but KCI provides staffing personnel, phone system, office, etc. The association is responsible for maintaining member list of eligible contestants, but KCI provides the management tools for the association secretary to do so.
- Pricing is determined on an individual association basis, based on a number requirements to be determined by your association including; hours of entry time, number of entries on a yearly basis, and average per rodeo, export requirements, etc. Call us we will be happy to discuss your needs.
- We have support service available for the United States in the US, Canada (in Canada)for most KCI products, Australia support is handled by our US office.

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- For any of the options to work efficiently, the Association Secretary, and the Entry Secretary have to have a system in place to manage the membership eligibility on a “real-time” basis.
- As the Association Secretary adds, renews members, or needs to make an existing member ineligible to enter rodeos for any reason, the Entry System needs to be synchronized in an easy to manage system.
- These changes in eligibility need to be available to the central entry system operators and the ONLINE ENTRY system as they are made.
- The Entry System (both call in and ONLINE) does allow for flexibility of the particular rodeo association entry rules like: Buddy group size, enter twice team roping, enter twice rough stock, age divisions, incentive events, any many more.
- The KCI Entry System does produce a random preference draw, and assign contestants/buddy groups to performances, and slack. It also produces an audit report that shows exactly how the random preference draw came up, and the order that the event performances were filled based on that preference draw.

The Entry System does produce reports either electronically or in hard copy for the rodeo secretary to manage the actual rodeo.

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- A SCREEN SHOT of a typical ONLINE buddy group rodeo entry screen, that a contestant sees. The CE operator sees the same thing in a little different format, that allows changes and updates to the entry – once an entry has been made online – only the CE operator can change it -

INTERMOUNTAIN - Sample Rodeo
4/3/2010
ANTWERP, WA
INTERMOUNTAIN SAMPLE RODEO

Contestant info
Please enter your INTERMOUNTAIN or affiliated association member number and password to streamline process, make sure you have permission from other contestants to enter them in your buddy group, only give your member number to other contestants you want enter for you. If your number and password do not load your information - or you are a location-member, please call the central entry office at 208-300-1000.

Member # Password

First Name
Last Name
Mailing Address
City
State/Province
Zip/Postal Code
Home Phone
Email
Copy of this entry will be emailed to this email address if valid address, a copy will be emailed to each contestant on this buddy group if they have a valid email on record with the INTERMOUNTAIN CENTRAL ENTRY SERVICES

Preferences
Current Entries on the Board

Events	Friday 6 pm		Sack - Sat 8 am		Saturday 10AM	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Bareback Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tie Down Roping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	25
Breakaway Roping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	20	10
Saddle Bronc Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	10
Steer Wrestling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	14
Team Roping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	15	8
Barrel Racing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	25
Bull Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	20

First Preference: Second Preference: Third Preference: Fourth Preference:

Select Events to Enter

A	B	C	D
First Name <input type="text"/> Last Name <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bronc Riding \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Bronc \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Bull Riding \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Barrel Racing \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Breakaway Roping \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Down Roping \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Steer Wrestling \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping \$160.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Header <input type="checkbox"/> Heeler Partner Member # <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping Partner also Name <input type="text"/> Assoc Fee \$0.00 Total Fee \$0.00	First Name <input type="text"/> Last Name <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bronc Riding \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Bronc \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Bull Riding \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Barrel Racing \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Breakaway Roping \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Down Roping \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Steer Wrestling \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping \$160.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Header <input type="checkbox"/> Heeler Partner Member # <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping Partner also Name <input type="text"/> Assoc Fee \$0.00 Total Fee \$0.00	First Name <input type="text"/> Last Name <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bronc Riding \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Bronc \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Bull Riding \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Barrel Racing \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Breakaway Roping \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Down Roping \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Steer Wrestling \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping \$160.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Header <input type="checkbox"/> Heeler Partner Member # <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping Partner also Name <input type="text"/> Assoc Fee \$0.00 Total Fee \$0.00	First Name <input type="text"/> Last Name <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bronc Riding \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Bronc \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Bull Riding \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Barrel Racing \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Breakaway Roping \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Down Roping \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Steer Wrestling \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping \$160.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Header <input type="checkbox"/> Heeler Partner Member # <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping Partner also Name <input type="text"/> Assoc Fee \$0.00 Total Fee \$0.00

I agree by submitting this entry to all provisions of the INTERMOUNTAIN ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY
[Click here to READ the agreement and INTERMOUNTAIN RULES](#) (will open in new window)

I Agree to continue entry process I Do Not Agree (will stop entry process)

In this screen shot, the rodeo has been set up with the Following rules:

- Members only – entering contestant will input their member number, and the window will bring up the basic contestant info, name, city, state, etc.
- Displays the entries that have been made so far by perf, to assist the contestant in making choices for preference request

3. Contestant selects Preference requests up to 4, for the buddy group, or single entry.

4. The entering contestant name and number will be in the 1st entry column, entering contestant selects the events for their entry. "A"

"B" - If entering a team roping event, when you enter the partners number in the partner section, "C" the boxes will fill with the name, and at the top of the next column, you can then select additional events that the partner is entering. If not a team roping or ribbon roping event, then you enter the contestant number "D" of the next contestant in your buddy group, and select the events for that contestant. In this screen example, you could have 4 contestants in a buddy group.

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Preview entries before submit

Sample Rodeo Assoc	
Sample Rodeo	
Preferences Requested	
Preference #1	1st Performance
Preference #2	2nd Performance
Preference #3	None
Preference #4	None

Entry for:	Entering Contestant "K"	11/2/2010
Confirmation #:	PREVIEW	

Entries for "K"

Breakaway

Barrel Race 50

Entry for:	Entering Contestant "KE"
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Entries for "KE"

60 Tie Down

IF ENTRIES AND PREFERENCES ARE CORRECT - CLICK THE SUBMIT BUTTON

SUBMIT

The next screen will be a printable confirmation and will also be emailed to you if you have an email on record with the association. If you need to make changes, please call the Entry Office at XXX-XXX-XXXX

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Email and web confirmation
You can print this at entry time,
or will be in your email
box if email is on record
with association.

Sample Rodeo Assoc	
Sample Rodeo	
Preferences Requested	
Preference #1	1st Performance
Preference #2	2nd Performance
Preference #3	None
Preference #4	None
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Entry for:	Entering Contestant "K" 11/2/2010
Confirmation #:	Ke941351

Entries for "K"

Breakaway

Barrel Race 50

Entry for: Entering Contestant "KE"

Entries for "KE"

60 Tie Down

Draws for this rodeo will be posted at http://www.your_assoc.com

Thank You from

Sample Rodeo Assoc and KCI Central Entry

[KCI's Software Web site - www.arenamanagementsoftware.com](http://www.arenamanagementsoftware.com)

[KCI's Online Web site - www.kcranchweb.com/kci](http://www.kcranchweb.com/kci)

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- The typical CE entry screen that you or our CENTRAL ENTRY operators see what the status of the entries are at any time during the entry process.

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HOME SHOWS MEMBERS SHOW SETUP ASSOCIATION MGMT LOGOUT

WPRM World Finals

Show Summary

Status : **RECEIVED**
 Confirmations : 298
 Entries : 631
 Billable Amt : \$**12,400.00**
 Recorded Pymts : \$**1,000.00**
 Admin Entry : **Admin Entry**

Change

This button brings up the administrative entry screen to handle phone in entries

Clicking on a confirmation number brings up the original entry and allows the operator to correct an error, or make a change to the original entry

Events

Event Name	Count	Amount
Card Only	96	\$2,400.00
Permit Only	91	\$2,250.00
Junior Only	17	\$425.00
Gold Card Sidepot	12	\$300.00
Open4D - Friday	229	\$5,725.00
Open4D - Saturday	234	\$5,850.00
Open4D - Sunday	178	\$4,450.00
Breakaway	31	\$775.00
TieDown	14	\$350.00
Team Roping 1	20	\$12,400.00

This grid displays the total entries for the rodeo, by event.

Select to view or enter confirmation # to find:

By Last Name: [A](#) [B](#) [C](#) [D](#) [E](#) [F](#) [G](#) [H](#) [I](#) [J](#) [K](#) [L](#) [M](#) [N](#) [O](#) [P](#) [Q](#) [R](#) [S](#) [T](#) [U](#) [V](#) [W](#) [X](#) [Y](#) [Z](#)

[All](#) or [by Date Entered](#) or [by Pay Source](#)

Confirmation #:

Show update detail

Entries List

Confirmation	Name	City	State	Amount	Entry Type	Date Entered
RA50071N32971	[REDACTED]	Republic	MO	\$870.00	Admin	9/24/2011 2:12:00 PM
SC05650N32955	[REDACTED]	Pittsburg	KS	\$135.00	Admin	9/21/2011 8:01:30 AM
ST00970N32955	[REDACTED]	Arlee	MT	\$135.00	Admin	9/20/2011 10:50:28 AM
KO25191N32954	[REDACTED]	Dwight	NE	\$70.00	Admin	9/20/2011 9:41:41 AM
GR55893N32953	[REDACTED]	BURLINGTON	ND	\$400.00	Admin	9/20/2011 9:37:57 AM

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- This is the screen that your Association Secretary will use to update, mark as ineligible to enter, etc. the lookup function uses either Last Name, or membership number

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Pro West Rodeo Assoc

Members

Search Membership # Or Last Name Find

	MembershipNo	Last Name	First Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Cell Phone	Email	Notes	MI
Edit	3895N	Ashwood	Delaboi	201637 Newton Rd NE	Grand Coulee	WA	99133	509-638-2804	509-638-0660	ashwooddel@bigplanet.net		
Edit	4220C	Adams	Tiread	3022 Hill Hood St	Moxee	WA	98936	509-480-9794		tireadgill@hototmail.com		
Edit	2540N	Adams	Gary	3926 Hood St NE	Coulee City	WA	99115	509-638-1530	509-638-0820	garyadams@prowestrodeo.com		
Edit	4069C	Alkers	Melbi	409 W ML St	Auburn	WA	98002	253-266-6286		malkers@vgn.net		
Edit	1932C	Alires	Denny	3000 Beaudry Rd	Moxee	WA	98936	509-307-8070				
Edit	1354C	Allen	Christyanne	3020 Murray Road	Mabton	WA	98935	509-837-1500	509-830-0208			
Edit	3165	Allen	Tommy	52304 N Thomas Rd	Benton City	WA	99320	509-830-2477		TAllen@bigjiff.net		

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In this example – the Breakaway event was used to demonstrate how filling one event impacts the placement of a buddy group in the perfs.

Event	Perf	Allowed	Used	Contestant	PREF #	Confirmation	Preferences Requested	
Breakaway	1st Perf	4	1	D	1	Du188025	1st Perf,2nd Perf,OUT,	Buddy Group Du188025 drew 1st in the preference draw, so get their 1st Preference request – Performance 1
Barrel Race 40	1st Perf	4	1	D	1	Du188025	1st Perf,2nd Perf,OUT,	
Breakaway	1st Perf	4	2	Z	1	Du188025	1st Perf,2nd Perf,OUT,	
Barrel Race 40	1st Perf	4	2	Z	1	Du188025	1st Perf,2nd Perf,OUT,	
Breakaway	1st Perf	4	3	K	2	Ke941351	1st Perf,2nd Perf,	Buddy Group Ke941351 drew 2nd in the preference draw, so get their 1 st Preference request – Performance 1 as there was still a position left in the breakaway
Barrel Race 50	1st Perf	4	1	K	2	Ke941351	1st Perf,2nd Perf,	
60 Tie Down	1st Perf	4	1	KE	2	Ke941351	1st Perf,2nd Perf,	
Breakaway	2nd Perf	4	1	MO	3	Mo217607	1st Perf,2nd Perf,SLACK,	Buddy Group Mo217607 drew 3rd in the preference draw, so get their 2 nd Preference request – Performance 2 as there was not enough room for the buddy group members to be in the 1 st perf as there were 4 breakaway entries in the group and only 1 spot was left in the 1 st perf, there was room in the 2 nd perf , so the buddy group was placed in the 2 nd Perf – their 2 nd request
Barrel Race 40	2nd Perf	4	1	MO	3	Mo217607	1st Perf,2nd Perf,SLACK,	
Breakaway	2nd Perf	4	2	AC	3	Mo217607	1st Perf,2nd Perf,SLACK,	
Barrel Race 40	2nd Perf	4	2	AC	3	Mo217607	1st Perf,2nd Perf,SLACK,	
Breakaway	2nd Perf	4	3	BL	3	Mo217607	1st Perf,2nd Perf,SLACK,	
Barrel Race 40	2nd Perf	4	3	BL	3	Mo217607	1st Perf,2nd Perf,SLACK,	
Breakaway	2nd Perf	4	4	CC	3	Mo217607	1st Perf,2nd Perf,SLACK,	
Barrel Race 40	2nd Perf	4	4	CC	3	Mo217607	1st Perf,2nd Perf,SLACK,	
Breakaway	1st Perf	4	4	BD	4	Bu472542	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	Buddy Group drew 4th in the preference draw, so get their 2 nd Preference request – Performance 1 as there was not enough room for the buddy group members to be in the 2nd perf as there were 4 breakaway entries in the perf already filled by above group and 1 breakaway spot was left in the 1 st perf , , so the buddy group was placed in the 1st Perf – their 2 nd request
Barrel Race 50	1st Perf	4	2	BD	4	Bu472542	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
Ribbons 50	1st Perf	4	1	BD	4	Bu472542	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
Ribbons 50	1st Perf	4	1	DB	4	Bu472542	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
50 Tie Down	1st Perf	4	1	DB	4	Bu472542	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
Steer Wrestling	1st Perf	4	1	DB	4	Bu472542	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	Buddy Group Bo491424 drew 5th in the preference draw, so don't get their 1st as Preference request – Performance 2 as there was not enough room for the buddy group members to be in the 2nd perf as there were 4 breakaway entries in the perf already filled , also don't get their 2nd Preference request – Performance 1 as there was not enough room for the buddy group members to be in the 1st perf as there were 4 breakaway entries in the perf already filled, so the whole group gets placed in the Slack Sorry BC – don't enter with Breakaway ropers ☺ if it look like it is going to be a heavily entered event. If it had not been for that BC would have gotten his 1 st Preference
40 Tie Down	Slack			BC	5	Bo491424	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
Team Roping 40	Slack			BC	5	Bo491424	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
Team Roping 40	Slack			AG	5	Bo491424	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
40 Tie Down	Slack			AG	5	Bo491424	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
Steer Wrestling	Slack			AG	5	Bo491424	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
Breakaway	Slack			BS	5	Bo491424	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	
Barrel Race 40	Slack			BS	5	Bo491424	2nd Perf,1st Perf,	

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Rodeo Draw Callback – when the draw is completed – draw information is emailed or text messaged to each contestant that has email or cell phone number and carrier information on record with the association.

From: **entries@centralentry.com**

Sent: Fri 12/10/10 6:10 PM

To: abcde@hotmail.com

CB-Sample Rodeo

Name : KE

Event: 60 Tie Down

Perf : 1st Perf

Draw : 1

Confirmation: Ke941351

Text messages are limited to 160 characters, so we send a confirmation for each event separately, if you enter 3 events you will receive 3 text messages and 3 emails. Your cell service provider text messaging charges will apply.

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Information for the contestant

KCI-Central Entry operators have competed, entered, and been rodeo secretaries, at the rodeo game for many years. Having done all of these, our staff would like to share some information to help you the entering contestant to enter smart, be informed, and help you get to more rodeos.

An issue that no central entry system can solve is contestants entering multiple rodeos that are sanctioned by competing associations, assuming that they are handled by separate entry systems, neither system can know what the other has done.

The facts are:

1. Rodeo depends on paid performances to sell seats to the paying customers “the rodeo fans” Without the rodeo fans buying tickets to watch a rodeo performance, there is NO rodeo. Financial support from sponsors depends on those same paid performance seats being filled, to maximize their advertising exposure. Most associations will want the performances of a rodeo to fill first, and fill slack last, to meet these goals.
2. The contestants in many cases need to get scheduled into slack, to meet travel, work or conflicting rodeo schedules.

These objectives will, of course conflict, from time to time.

Typically in a central entry system, all the entries are randomly drawn into a preference draw, and then the performances are filled based on the performance requests made by the contestant/or contestant buddy group. If the performances are not filled, then they are filled from the bottom of the priority list up. With that in mind, entering contestants should always look at the entry counts, on the entry screen if entering online, or ask the operator if phoning in.

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Example: If you call in or enter online for a 2 performance rodeo, the entry count for your event is showing 35 total, 20 of those are requesting the 2nd Performance as 1st Preference, and Slack as 2nd, 10 asking for Slack as 1st Preference and 2nd Performance as the 2nd Preference, that leaves 5, asking for the 1st Performance or with a no preference request

Remembering that the 1st Performance IS going to be filled, so the spectators have something to watch, knowing that the Preference requests for the 1st Performance are low. You can control your odds for draw success by entering with the traffic., and asking for the 1st performance, even with a buddy group, the chances are MUCH better.

Very seldom is there slack for the rough stock events, rough stock entries (or buddy groups with a rough stock contestant) should avoid making an entry as Slack 1st preference, and OUT as 2nd, chances are that if you cause you to be OUT and the rest of the buddy group will be OUT as well.

It generally works well for the rough stock contestants to enter together as a buddy group. It does not work well for timed event contestants to enter with the rough stock contestants, if you do keep your buddy group as small as possible.

If entering 2 or more rodeos on a weekend, as a contestant so you can do both, closest to home 1st , then drive on to the second, or the other way around.

The smaller the buddy group, the better chance of getting in to a performance request if you are not at the top of the preference draw, for example if your group draws down the preference draw a ways, and there has already been 8 slots in the performance(capped at 10) used, and there are 3 in your buddy group wanting in that event, your group will not get the performance requested, it will go to a buddy group that is down the list that only has 1 or 2 contestants wanting in the event – so as to not over fill the performance.

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Staggered call backs and entry closings really help contestants make more informed entry decisions.

Associations have a difficult mission in trying to satisfy both the rodeo committee, and the contestants, as the committee usually wants the rodeo to be on the weekend, and the majority of contestants prefer to have the rodeo on the weekends as well, as most are employed during the week. **KNOW YOUR ASSOCIATION RULES**

Different associations have varying rules and protocols for the preference draws, most will give members a higher priority than non-members, Beyond that basic rule, considering that all contestants pay the same membership fee to the association, and should reasonably expect equal treatment, there is no set of rules for preference rodeo draws that is perfect.

Some will give a higher priority to members that are entering more than 1 association sanctioned rodeo.. If the rules give multiple rodeo entries a higher preference, then the contestant that is only able to enter one rodeo because of religious, or work considerations will suffer. If the association decides to give contestants that drive blue pickups a higher preference, then every contestant with another colored truck is penalized.

It is in the best interest of the association to have the entry and call back days/times ahead of any competing associations rodeos, for a given weekend, the association that is last in line to close the entries, will be first in line to receive complaints, simply because the contestants are in a "have to" situation by the time they get to enter the rodeo, as they have already been drawn into the other rodeo(s).

The rodeo approval personnel should make every possible effort to make sure that the multiple same weekend rodeo performance(s) and slack time allow as little conflict as possible, at the very least try to have slack on different days. The more duplication of day and time (AM/PM) of performances and slack the lower the percentage of successful performance requests.

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When you are talking to your Central Entry operators, please remember, that as much as the operators would love to just “make” everyone get their 1st preference, it just doesn’t and can’t happen. It is a RANDOM draw for each rodeo. The computer doesn’t even know your name , just your number.

Our entry service absolutely follows the “RULES” given us by the association, and we do not have the authority to break, change, bend, or ignore them.

They/We are obligated as either employees of the association if it is an association run entry service, or by agreement if we are providing the service under contract to the association to follow the rules.

We actually hear very few complaints, but the ones we do get fall into two categories;

1st - the caller is complaining because we followed the rules, but they are “special”, because _____ (fill in the blank), and there is no way that rule should apply to them.

2nd – the caller didn’t know the rules, but is unhappy because the rules are NOT the way that they think they should be, or are not the same as some other association, or _____ (fill in the blank)

Complaints are always referred back to our association officers, complaints must be specific as to contestant, rodeo, and the issue of the complaint.