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CNFR
College National Finals Rodeo

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Contestant Qualification Overview

Official Qualification rules are located in the NIRA Rulebook

- Top 3 individuals in each event go to CNFR - In the event that any one of the top three individuals in any event cannot attend the CNFR, the next ranking individual by points may take his/her place. Individual next in line to qualify (not to exceed the top 5 rule) will be notified and must be entered prior to the position draw. The only exception will be students with verified injuries - they must be replaced before the stock draw by the next eligible contestant subject to the above rules. All CNFR requirements (eligibility, entry fees, etc.) must be satisfied. If a student is moved into a bye position due to the ineligibility of another student, the school may, but shall not be required, to include the student moved into the bye position on the team for the CNFR.
- First place men's and women's teams at the regional level field teams from the top three byes first – then from the top 5 top 30% (6 men/4 women).
- Second place men's and women's teams at the regional level field teams from the top three byes first – then from the top 5 top 30% (6 men/4 women).
- All-Around champions qualify in the two events in which they have the most points if they do not have a bye in more than one event. If a coach chooses to use the all-around on team in a third event in which they are not in the top three, they must use another position on that team.
- Reserve all-around champions will also qualify on the above conditions. In the event of ineligibility, the drop down will not extend past the top three.
- All teams will be considered a team at the CNFR if member school. All member school dues and completed member school applications are due by the regional CNFR entry deadline.
- We will take the top three including splits for 3/4.
- Contestants that have byes are only qualified to the CNFR in the events in which they are in top three.
- In the event student directors do not qualify in the top 5/30%, they will be allowed to compete at the CNFR in the one event where they have the most points. If they are qualified in multiple events in the top 5/30% they may select one event in which to compete.
- The top three headers must rope with the top three heelers (in the case of a split for 3/4 – the top four headers must rope with the top four heelers).
- Team Ropers will receive full points at the CNFR.
- Non 'bye' student directors, all-arounds needing a second event, and non 'bye' on-team members choosing team roping must select the next eligible team roper on the opposite side.
- If a contestant is used to fill one of the six positions on team as a bye, and is used in another event where they are in the top 30% - they will fill another position on the team – thereby they will represent two of the six positions on the men's team (four on the women's team) and if more than one position is used in this scenario they will take up that many positions on the teams.
- It is the top two (men's & women's) team coaches prerogative to pick which event(s) he/she wishes to use to fill the remainder of their team once all byes have been used from the top 5 or 30%. The contestants in the top 5 or 30% do not need to be selected in the order of their standings in that chosen event. If there are remaining slots left to fill on the team after utilizing the byes and the top 5 or 30%, the remaining selections may be made by dropping below the top 5 or 30%. These contestants also do not need to be selected in the order of their standings in that chosen event.