

March 1, 2015

Dear 2015 CNFR Qualifier:

**Congratulations on qualifying for the 2015 College National Finals Rodeo!** This packet contains everything you need to get organized for Casper.

Inside you will find:

- **Official Entry Form:** Please fill out the form in full and legibly. Sign the release of liability and return to the national office or your coach by the deadline listed.
- **Contestant Bio Form:** Fill out the contestant bio sheet in full and return with your entry form. This important form will be used for the announcer at the CNFR, the Casper Star Tribune, and the media room. Please don't say anything on the form that you don't want announced to the public.
- **Exclusive Sweatshirt Order:** If you would like a CNFR Contestant Sweatshirt please fill out the order form and return with your entry and an additional \$40 money order. These sweatshirts are ONLY sold to contestants and not the general public.
- **Lodging Information:** This information is provided by the Casper Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and lists all of the hotels in the Casper area that are supporting the CNFR. Please try to utilize these vendors first. These hotels fill up quickly, so be sure to make your reservations early.
- **Horse Stalls:** Stalling will be handled by the Central Wyoming Fairgrounds and will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m. on June 10<sup>th</sup>. A stall use agreement is included with this packet and must be completed before your stall will be assigned at check-in.
- **Health Papers:** Review the health requirements for Wyoming on the enclosed flyer. Animals will not be allowed to enter the Central Wyoming Fairgrounds until the necessary health requirements have been met.
- **Event Schedule:** Become familiar with the CNFR schedule, as fines do exist for non-appearance or late arrivals for some functions. Specifically, mandatory contestant check-in is Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Casper Events Center, Summit Room. Late arrival (after 3:00 p.m.) will result in a \$100 fine. Contestants may not check in before the noon arrival time. You will receive your arm band, final ground rules, updated schedules, Cinch goodies, and additional notices at this time. The mandatory contestant meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. in the grandstands at the Casper Events Center, also.
- **AQHA Horse of the Year:** If you are a member of the AQHA, owner of your AQHA registered horse, and a qualifier to the CNFR, you are eligible for this prestigious award. Please complete the form and return to the NIRA National Office.
- **Ground Rules:** Please review the ground rules before the rodeo begins.
- **Transcripts:** Please remember that an official transcript for the spring semester/quarter is required before you will be able to compete at the CNFR. Official transcripts MUST be received by the NIRA National Office by contestant check-in on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. If transcripts are not received contestants will be drawn-out of the CNFR. If you plan to mail your transcript to the national office, it must be received by June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Additionally:** We have included several other informational items for your convenience. These include information on the pancake breakfast, NIRA Foundation style show and auction, camping info at the fairgrounds, and contact information for contestant services.

We are looking forward to hosting you at the 2015 CNFR. Let us know if you have any questions. We can be reached at (509) 529-4402 until June 8<sup>th</sup>, and at (307) 235-2565, from June 10<sup>th</sup>, through June 20<sup>th</sup>, when the NIRA National Office relocates to Casper. Good Luck!