

Canadian Girls' Rodeo Association



New Member Handbook 2020/2021

Note: This handbook is not a replacement for reading the CGRA Official Rule Book. The rulebook is available on line at www.cgra.ca .

This handbook is a quick reference for new members only.

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Disclaimer: Should any questions or controversy arise regarding interpretation of the rules as printed in the rule book and new member's handbook, the final decision will lie with the Board of Directors of the C.G.R.A.

Welcome to the CGRA.

We are pleased that you have joined a great Association that promotes women of all ages in rodeo sports! By working together we can continue to meet the founder's purpose of the Association.

The purpose for which incorporation of the Association is sought are:

- a) To promote an interest in girls' rodeo sports in Canada.
- b) To organize, control, supervise and manage girls' Rodeo events alone or in conjunction with other Rodeos, Light Horse Shows, Gymkhanas, and other similar competitions and entertainment for the mutual benefit, safety and protection of the cowgirls and to raise the standards of all girl rodeos.
- c) To work for the betterment of conditions and rules governing girls' rodeo events.
- d) To establish a central place of registration for the convenience of members.

Current Objectives: *TO PROMOTE WOMEN IN PROFESSIONAL RODEO BY PROVIDING AN AVENUE FOR WOMEN TO COMPETE IN TRADITIONAL RODEO EVENTS GOVERNED BY THE CGRA OFFICIAL RULE BOOK.*

The CGRA Association was first formed in 1957 as the Canadian Barrel Racing Association. Realizing the potential growth of the sport in Canada, it was re-organized on a Canada-wide basis with its headquarters in Calgary.

With the success of the All Girl Rodeo, the name was changed in 1962 to Canadian Girls Barrel Racing and Rodeo Association. Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, Cow Riding and Calf Roping were featured events. Cutting and Steer Undecorating were added in 1964 and 1966. Team Roping was added in 1975.

Due to lack of interest, cutting was dropped in 1974. In 1967 the association became a duly constituted, non-profit organization with its present name "Canadian Girls Rodeo Association".

MEMBERSHIP

Types of membership:

1. Ladies Active Membership: \$100/year
2. Non-Active Membership: \$25/year
3. Junior Membership (15 years of age or under as of January 1 of rodeo year) \$70/year
4. Little Cowgirls (10 years of age or under as of January 1 of rodeo year) \$45/year
5. Life Member: A member in good standing that has been a member for ten (10) consecutive years and who are of age or over as per membership rules. Member must request this membership in writing.
6. Non-Resident Permit: \$100/year

Membership must be purchased and in order, by noon of the week prior to entry day for any given CGRA rodeo.

ENTRY FEES:

- Open events: \$25
- Junior events: \$15
- Little Cowgirls \$10

(Tractor fees for Barrels and Poles: \$5 and Stock fee \$8.00 and these not included in the above prices)

Events:

Open:

- Barrel Racing
- Pole Bending
- Team Roping (can enter 2 times)
- Tie Down
- Breakaway
- Steer Undecorating
- Cow Riding

Junior Events:

- Barrel Racing
- Pole Bending
- Breakaway
- Goat Tying

Little Cowgirl Events:

- Barrel Racing
- Pole Bending

ENTERING A RODEO

Online entries will now be available one day prior to phone entries. Check website for dates.

They will open at 7:00 a.m and then will close at 9:00 p.m. on the night of phone entries. Follow the link on the CGRA home page to enter online.

No emails or facebook entries will be accepted.

Telephone entries are accepted 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the designated day of entries;

Central Entry Phone Number (403) 563.5212

PLEASE RESPECT THE ENTRY TIMES

Turnouts, Veterinary Release and Medicals

There will be no drawing out after position is drawn, without a doctor's release or veterinarian's certificate. If you turn out without a release or certificate, your fees (CEO, entry fees, tractor fees, stock fees) are payable.

A turn out fine will also be assessed. Ladies: \$25/rodeo, Juniors: \$15/rodeo, Lil Cowgirls: \$10/rodeo

ALL FEES AND FINES NEED TO BE PAID BEFORE ENTERING THE NEXT RODEO

Please refer to rule book for team roping turn outs.

Contestants using medical and/or vet releases must notify Central Entry Office within 24 hours of completion of the rodeo.

Medical and vet releases must be submitted to Central Entry office no later than three (3) days after completion of rodeo. Absolutely no exceptions.

Membership Requirements

As a member of the CGRA you will be required to assist in fundraising. The CGRA works up to 14 bingos a year at the Bingo Barn in Calgary and one casino in Calgary approximately every two years.

Bingo Barn Address: #10, 1107 33rd Street NE Calgary, Alberta T2A 6T2

Calgary Casino: 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE, Calgary, AB T2G 4E6

*You **must** work your bingo's to be eligible for finals, yearend awards and/or scholarship money.

**Juniors or anyone under the age of 18 can do a bingo buyout for \$250 or have someone work it for you.

**Little Cowgirls is a new event so they can have someone work 1 bingo for them or pay a bingo buyout of \$125.

DEADLINE FOR BUYOUT IS JULY (date to be confirmed). If you sign up before March 1st your requirements are two (2) bingo's. If you sign up after March 1st you will be required to sign up for three (3). You do not have to work the bingo before March 1st, you just need to book your dates.

Once you sign up for working a specific bingo/casino spot, if you do not show up for that bingo/casino event you will be fined \$200/spot. Any cancellation without a seven day notice will also be fined (you can recruit someone to fill your spot(s) to avoid the fine.

WHY BINGO'S?: The bingo/casino money pays for the following items:

- rodeo assistance (helps committees put on rodeos)
- finals (arena, stock, judges, workers, feed, etc.)
- membership rodeo (arena, stock, judges, workers, feed, etc.)
- scholarships (10% each year—can apply for a scholarship three times)
- administration (postage, rule books, INSURANCE!, meeting room rent)
- equipment (barrier, barrel covers, poles, timers, etc.)
- rodeo schools (instructors if not members, arena rent, stock, etc.)

Awards

Awards cost are around \$14,000.00 a year.

Finals added purse money is \$20,050.00

Bingo and Casino funds cannot be used to purchase any awards listed below. Please help the CGRA Awards director and Event Directors find sponsors to pay for awards and purse money (at the finals)

All awards listed are awarded on points gained throughout the year and/or finals. Recipient must have competed at four (4) rodeos during the regular rodeo season and have filled the bingo/casino requirement.

Point System: When money is paid to four placings, points will be given to six placings (80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30). When money is paid to six places points will go to eight (80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10) plus bonus points equal to the number of contestants entered in that event.

Rookie (Ladies, Juniors, Lil Cowgirls): The winner of each of these awards will be the first (1st) year member, gaining the highest number of points in one (1) or more events, throughout the season and finals on the approved circuit. If a person competes in the Lil Cowgirls or Junior they are not eligible when they move up a category.

Season Leader: Season Leader awards will be awarded to the contestants who have earned the most points for the year in each of the events, prior to the finals.

All Arouns (Junior and Ladies): The winner will be determined by the cumulative total point earned in a minimum of three (3) Ladies events (two (2) Junior events) during the regular rodeo season and points earned during the finals. Finals points for the All Arouns will be to five placings using 80, 70, 60, 50, 40 for each performance and average.

Working Horse: (Ladies and Juniors) Horses will be judged for this award at All Girl Rodeos throughout the season and at the finals. Points will be determined by the placing of the rider(s). The horse must have placed in at least two (2) events. Hazing is to be counted as a Ladies event.

Finals Champions: Championships of each event will be determined at the CGRA Sudden Death Finals. Points will be awarded (40, 30, 20, 10) for each performance and the average. In the event of a tie, a ride-off will be held.

Cowgirl of the Year: This is the only award that is voted on. Forms with criteria will be available throughout the year. This award is presented at the finals. Life Members are asked to sponsor this award.

Please refer to the rule book for further details or ask your event director or awards director for further clarification.

Qualifying for Finals

The top ten (10) in the CGRA standings in each Ladies event and top ten (10) in each Junior event and the top six (6) in the Lil cowgirls events, who have competed in at least four (4) All Girl Rodeos as a member, and have worked required bingo's during the season, will qualify.

Scholarships

The CGRA awards 10% of the Casino and Bingo revenues to scholarships.

These scholarships are available to any member in good standing who has been a member for at least two (2) years and have a paid up membership for the current year, prior to completing the application.

Applicant must be a members in good standing, having worked the required bingo events and attended the required number of rodeos in the year in which they apply for their scholarship.

See the CGRA website (www.cgra.ca) for form and requirements.

All applicants are reviewed and awards are made on merit.

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PLEASE REFER TO WEBPAGE FOR RULEBOOK FOR ALL OTHER INFORMATION!