

**Heritage Ranch Rodeo**  
***November 8-10, 2017***

**Application Package**

Please find enclosed all pertinent information regarding the Heritage Ranch Rodeo (the “HRR”) held in conjunction with Farmfair International 2017. Please note that application deadline is **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by 4 p.m. Late entries will not be accepted.**

**Heritage Ranch Rodeo Dates**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. HRR Ranch Horse Competition

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Rodeo Performance

Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Rodeo Performance

Friday, November 10, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Rodeo Performance - Finals

## **A) Rules and Regulations**

### **1.0 Ranch Entry Criteria**

1.1 All participants must be Ranch owners, full time employees, seasonal workers, or day workers. A “**Working Ranch**” is defined as any Ranch which has a minimum of 300 head cow/calf pair operation, runs at least 500 yearlings for a minimum of 6 months of the year, or has a combination of cow/calf pair and yearlings that total 500 head. Hardships due to range conditions will be given consideration on an individual basis.

- a. “**Full-time Employee**” is defined as any Ranch employee who works 30 hours or more per week and working at the Ranch is their main source of income.
- b. “**Seasonal Worker**” is defined as a worker who finds employment only in certain seasons - their short-term position is designed to fill a temporary need. Seasonal workers must work 30 hours or more per week for a minimum of three months for the qualifying Ranch.
- c. “**Day Worker**” is defined as an employee who is hired and paid one day at a time. Day workers must have drawn over **\$1,500.00 a month** or worked a **minimum of 30 hours a month** cowboying for the qualifying ranch in the year preceding that ranch’s participation in the HRR.

1.2 A Ranch team will be required to consist of **no less than (4)** and **no more than five (5) members**. Should there be a change in the members of the Ranch team that is competing, for any reason, these changes must be brought to the attention of Northlands a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to HRR.

1.3 Northlands reserves the right to request information as needed in order to approve qualification of a Ranch team. Northlands also reserves the right to conduct a phone interview with ranch managers to assist in the selection process. The responsibility of ensuring that all participants (ranches and individuals) qualify will be the responsibility of Northlands or its representative(s).

1.4 All Ranches that have participated and won first place in the following partnering Ranch Rodeos need to meet *Ranch Entry Criteria 1.1 - 1.3* to qualify: Bar U Ranch (the winning team of Bar U will be represented as Bar U, not as their original team name), Pincher Creek, Maple Creek, and Medicine Tree.

1.5 Northlands reserves the right to accept or reject applications based on information provided. All decisions are final.

## **2.0 Ranch Selection**

2.1 All interested Ranches are to submit an application for the 2017 Heritage Ranch Rodeo. All applications will be reviewed by the Northlands HRR Selection Committee to determine whether the application meets the HRR Entry Criteria (*1.0 Ranch Entry Criteria*). A total of sixteen (16) competing Ranch team positions are required to be filled for the 2017 Heritage Ranch Rodeo.

2.2 Each of the top eight (8) teams from the 2016 Heritage Ranch Rodeo will automatically be given the opportunity to fill a spot among the sixteen (16) total competing Ranch teams provided they submit an application form and meet the HRR Entry Criteria. If any of the top eight (8) teams is representing a new Ranch under a new name they will no longer be eligible to represent one of the top 8 Ranches.

2.3 Each of the top four (4) winning Ranches from the partnering Ranch Rodeos listed above in *Ranch Entry Criteria 1.4* will also be given the automatic opportunity fill a spot among the sixteen (16) total competing Ranch teams provided they submit an application form and meet all HRR Entry Criteria. If one of the four (4) winning Ranches from the partnering Ranch Rodeos is also one of the top eight (8) Ranches from the 2016 Heritage Ranch Rodeo their spot will open up for another Ranch who applied and meets the criteria to attend.

2.4 All remaining Ranch applications that meet the HRR Entry Criteria will be added to a pool. A draw from the pool will be made to fill any spots that remain after the Ranch teams from *Ranch Selection 2.2 and 2.3* have applied in order to completely fill the sixteen (16) total spots available.

2.5 All ranches may be subject to a phone interview to help aid in the selection process as well as any investigation by the HRR Advisory Committee to determine if all information provided is accurate.

### **3.0 Competition Format**

3.1 A total of sixteen (16) Ranches will compete on both Wednesday, November 8, 2017 and Thursday, November 9, 2017.

3.2 On Wednesday, November 8, 2017, eight (8) of the sixteen (16) teams will be required to compete in three (3) of the six (6) total events while the remaining eight (8) will be required to compete in the other half of events.

3.3 On Thursday, November 9, 2017 the teams will be required to compete in the half of events that they had not competed in on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. These two nights are regarded as the Qualifying Round.

3.4 The top 8 teams from Wednesday and Thursday will then advance to the Finals to compete in every event on Friday, November 10. The winner of Thursday's event will be named the Heritage Ranch Rodeo Champion for 2017.

3.5 All sixteen (16) teams will be required to compete in the HRR Ranch Horse Competition on Wednesday November 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

### **4.0 Rules**

Northlands, along with the HRR Advisory Committee and HRR Judges, will collaborate to finalize the standard set of written rules to be followed. These rules will be in your team confirmation packages. Northlands reserves the right to revise rules and regulations as required.

### **5.0 Proper Attire**

All participants must wear standard cowboy attire which must include: Chaps or chinks, long-sleeve shirts and cowboy hats (helmets and protective vests are recommended for Bronc Riders). The team's Ranch brand must be worn on their back, whether on a vest, long-sleeve shirt, or patch.

### **6.0 Indemnity**

The Ranch agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Northlands and the City of Edmonton from any claims, losses, damages, liabilities and expenses (including legal fees and expenses on a solicitor and own client basis) arising out of, or in any way incidental to, the Ranch's use or occupation of Northlands' premises and from the acts of the Ranch, its invitees, servants, agents, employees, representatives and contractors, excepting any claims occurring by reason of Northlands's sole negligence. This provision shall survive and cancellation, termination or expiration of this Agreement.

Northlands is not responsible for loss of or damage to personal property brought upon its premises by the Vendor.

All competitors of the HRR will be required to sign a waiver of liability at time of check-in at Northlands. A waiver will be supplied with Ranch acceptance packages for prior review.

### **7.0 Insurance**

In an effort to continually find ways to assist the participating Ranches when competing in the HRR event Northlands is currently working on securing Commercial General Liability insurance, covering liability for bodily injury, personal injury, death and property damage for the participating Ranches of the Heritage Ranch Rodeo. Further details to be provided in your acceptance package.

### **8.0 Heritage Ranch Rodeo Working Ranch Horse Competition**

This is a mandatory event and will count towards the ranches final score for the competition. It will not be a part of the evening performances and will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017

at 8:00 a.m. in Hall D. The Working Ranch Horse Competition will be free of charge to spectators. More information regarding this event is available in the Event Rules.

*Horse cannot have any previous earnings at any equine events with the exception of ranch horse competitions or ranch rodeos.*

## **B) Additional Information**

### **1.0 Ranch History**

A brief history (no more than 150 words) and any personal interest stories from your ranch MUST be included in your application for use by the announcer during the event and in the event program. Please note that histories and interest stories may be used for future promotion of Heritage Ranch Rodeo.

### **2.0 Admission**

The 2017 Heritage Ranch Rodeo will be a paid admission event for spectators. Tickets will be on sale in May 2017. Each Ranch will be given ten (10) complimentary tickets to each HRR performance.

For 2017 Northlands will be providing ten (10) complimentary tickets to the Canadian Finals Rodeo for Wednesday November 8, 2017. Additional tickets will be available for sale at a discounted rate. Further details will be available in your acceptance package.

### **3.0 Hotels**

Further details to be provided in your acceptance package.

### **4.0 Heritage Ranch Rodeo Working Ranch Horse Sale**

All participating Ranches in the Heritage Ranch Rodeo have the opportunity, if they wish to submit a horse into the Ranch Horse Sale it will be taking place on Friday November 10, 2017. Preview at 10:00 a.m., sale at 5:00 p.m. *\*Please note that times and dates are subject to change\**

***If you are submitting a horse in the Northlands Ranch Horse Sale, you can find the entry forms on [www.farmfairinternational.com](http://www.farmfairinternational.com) as of June 1, 2017.***

**Please note the following:**

- Consignment fees have been waived for HRR Horses (must participate in at two events within HRR) but commission fees still apply
- Entry deadline for HRR Horses in the Ranch Horse Sale is October 1, 2017.

**Please forward your application package by September 19, 2017 to:**

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**If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.**