



# Membership Update & News

It finally feels like spring is on it's way! It has been a long snowy winter. Over the past 4 months the BCRA Board of Directors and the Vision 2020 group have been working very hard to bring some positive changes to our membership. For starters we would like to congratulate and thank the North Thompson Fall Fair & Rodeo for hosting the 2018 BCRA Polaris Championship Finals. The finals will run the same weekend as their Fall Fair over the September long weekend and replaces the Barriere Rodeo.

We are excited to announce the following changes which were determined through input from the AGM, 2017 Finals Member Meeting and the BCRA survey:

- Establishment of Competitor North and South Zones
- Wildcard Rodeo
- Finals Qualification
- Finals Format

## **NORTH/SOUTH ZONES**

The North/South zones are determined by **RESIDENCE**, not rodeos. The dividing line for North and South is Prince George, BC with Prince George residents included in the South zone. Residents living north of Prince George are in the North zone. The North/South zone has nothing to do with rodeos, it is only a finals qualification based on your residence with the intention of encouraging more northern members.

## **WILDCARD RODEO**

The Wildcard Rodeo was developed with the idea to be more inclusive to the membership. Any BCRA full carded member that has attended 5 rodeos (minimum number of rodeos for finals qualification) can enter the Wildcard Rodeo and has a chance to win a spot into the BCRA 2018 finals. The top placing contestant in each event that is not already qualified for finals receives the 11<sup>th</sup> spot going into finals. Monies won at the Wildcard Rodeo will be carried into the BCRA finals.

- Any full carded member that has attended 5 first approved BCRA rodeos
- Top placing contestant in each event that is not already qualified for finals received the 11<sup>th</sup> spot
- Monies won at Wildcard Rodeo will be carried into the BCRA finals

## **FINALS QUALIFICATIONS**

Note that all qualifiers other than the BCHSRA and the BCLBRA champions must have competed in 5 BCRA first approved rodeos to qualify for the BCRA Finals. The Wildcard Rodeo does not count as one of the rodeos and competitors must have competed in 5 BCRA rodeos to compete at the Wildcard Rodeo.

## **FINALS WILL NOW HAVE 12 SPOTS IN EACH EVENT**

- Top two from the North Zone Standings
- Top two from the South Zone Standings
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> spot ~ Top 2 from each of the North/South zone standings with order determined by highest monies won from each standings

- Top six from the overall BCRA standings
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> spot ~ Top 6 members determined from overall BCRA season standings with order determined by highest monies won from standings
- Wildcard Qualifier
  - 11<sup>th</sup> spot ~ Winner of Wildcard Rodeo from each event
- BCHSRA champion in the major events / BCLBRA champion in the Junior/Peewee events
  - 12<sup>th</sup> spot ~ BCHSRA/BCLBRA champions. The BC High School Champions to be determined by the BCHSRA will qualify for the 12<sup>th</sup> spot in the BCRA finals in our 8 major events. The BC Little Britches Champions determined by the BCLBRA will qualify for the 12<sup>th</sup> spot in the BCRA finals in our 3 Junior events and 1 Peewee event.

### **SEASON LEADER AWARDS**

The season leader will be awarded to the members who has accumulated the highest earnings throughout the season including the Wildcard Rodeo and the Finals. Monies won from the Wildcard Rodeo and the Finals will be carried into the Season Leader standings and the high money earner (season leader) will be determined after the finals. There will still be a finals champion with points tracked over the 3 day finals including an average.

- Season Leader will include monies won throughout the season including the Wildcard Rodeo and the Finals
- Finals Champion will be determined by points over the finals