



**FCA BOARD UPDATE FOR THE 2023 SEASON**

**OCTOBER 30, 2022**

The Foothills Cowboys Association (FCA) Board would like to announce some exciting news for the upcoming 2023 rodeo season. FCA will be continuing and building on our strong working relationship with the Chinook Rodeo Association (CRA) for the 2023 Rodeo Season. As part of this we will be continuing to co-approve all our mother rodeos with CRA and they will be co-approving all of ours. We would also like to announce the Chinook Rodeo Association and Foothills Cowboys Association have created a co-approved 2023 Finals taking place in Brooks, AB from October 6 - 8, 2023. The FCA board also looks forward to working with other rodeo associations on coapprovals.

FCA memberships can be purchased through the FCA office and as part of this membership you will also receive your membership to the CRA. This will allow members to compete at rodeos co-approved by the FCA and CRA. Rodeos projected for the upcoming season based on 2022 events will be 12 FCA and/or CRA Mother Rodeos. We are also looking at possibilities to add more rodeos, roughstock events and/or timed events to the schedule. Stay tuned for more updates as the FCA board continues to plan. On top of this the CRA also has on their schedule 6 timed event rodeos with roughstock added at 2 of them. We are also looking at dual approving rodeos with LRA, WRA and CCA.

**NEW STANDINGS FOR THE 2023 SEASON**

We are making changes to the standings this year. We will be working on a point systems vs the previous money earned standings. Your placing at the rodeo will earn you points instead of the traditional money system. We have made this change in an effort to support our committees by giving all rodeos the same value. Below is a table of how points will be awarded.

Mother Rodeos	FCA Roughstock/Timed Events
1 <sup>st</sup> place – 80 points 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – 70 points 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 60 points 4 <sup>th</sup> place – 50 points 5 <sup>th</sup> place – 40 points 6 <sup>th</sup> place – 30 points 7 <sup>th</sup> place – 20 points 8 <sup>th</sup> place – 10 points	1 <sup>st</sup> place – 60 points 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – 50 points 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 40 points 4 <sup>th</sup> place – 30 points 5 <sup>th</sup> place – 20 points 6 <sup>th</sup> place – 10 points  NOTE- If there are more than 80 entries in a Timed/Roughstock event the 80 –point System will be applied



**NEW OPTIONAL EVENTS**

The FCA board is also excited to add 3 new optional events to the 2023 season. They are Ladies Ranch Broncs, Men’s Ranch Broncs and Jr Team roping. We hope this will assist our committees in gaining more participants in the Roughstock end of the arena.

**2023 FINALS QUALIFICATION/RODEO COUNT**

**Major Events:** Rodeo counts for members will be set at a minimum of 10 events with the following options:

- minimum of six (6) mother rodeos (FCA or CRA lead rodeos)
- The other 4 events can consist of Mother rodeos, Timed/Roughstock events (FCA or CRA lead) or three (3) co-approved events from the LRA, WRA or CCA. **NOTE:** more details regarding co-approvals will be released once we receive co-approval requests from other associations.

**Optional Events:** No rodeo count required due to all rodeos/events not holding all optional events but with that said in order to qualify for 2023 Finals you **MUST** have points won.

Finals participants invited to FCA finals will be the top 16 in each event, Co-Sanctioned with the CRA. In looking at past standings from FCA and CRA we have found on average an overlap of 5 contestants per event. With this information the Boards have decided to invite top 16 in each event.

Here is the breakdown of events:

<b>Major Events:</b>	<b>Optional Events:</b>
Saddle Bronc Riding Bareback Riding Bull Riding Ladies Barrel Racing Jr. Barrel Racing Tie Down Roping Team Roping Steer Wrestling	Jr. Bull Riding Jr Steer Riding Novice Horse Riding Peewee Barrel Racing Ladies Breakaway Roping Jr. Breakaway Roping Men’s Ranch Broncs (new this season) Ladies Ranch Broncs (new this season) Jr. Team Roping (new this season)

The Board understands this is lots of information and members will have many questions in regard to changes but we ask you be patient and respectful as we work through planning. The FCA board’s goal is to make the FCA a stronger association and create a great 2023 season and Finals. We will also stay committed as we have in the past to supporting all rodeo events and help contestants flourish.

If you have questions on these changes, please contact the FCA Board of Directors or email [info@fcarodeo.com](mailto:info@fcarodeo.com) and your email will be forwarded to Directors for response.

Respectfully,

FCA Board of Directors