



GRAND CANYON PRO RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members,

The GCPRA is still paying close attention to the effects on our state and our rodeo schedule from the COVID-19 pandemic. Our main concern is to make sure we provide a safe environment for you to compete in, as well as a safe and manageable atmosphere for our committees.

We understand that you have several questions regarding the outlook for the 2020 season. As you all know, this is a dynamic and challenging time, and we are trying to make the best decisions we can daily based on the current information we have. Our main goal is to make sure we do not over commit this year and put the association, as well as our committees, at risk for years to come.

Things we do know:

- To this point in our season we have had 9 rodeos cancel. That leaves us with 7 left, and 2 possible reschedules. I can tell you that all our committees are working tirelessly to try and make the rest of this year happen.
- The state is seeing an increase in cases and there is a chance we could see things going backwards when it comes to large gatherings. This is a major problem for our committees as they rely on spectators to cover the considerable financial cost of putting on a rodeo.
- We are in contact with our great partners at the AVI Resort & Casino/Fort Mohave Crossing Events Center to try and develop a plan moving forward based on the information we know. If we can finish the year strong, we hope to financially be able to put on some type of finals at their facility. With that being said, we want you all to understand that it is a real possibility for the finals to be canceled this year.
- A few of our committees will be having some other events throughout the year (i.e.- jackpots, etc.) and when we get the info, we will let you know, so that if you wish to support them and attend you will have that information. Also, the NMRA will be having a few rodeos over the summer and we encourage you to support them as well.

This is an extremely difficult time that affects not only you as the contestants, but everyone involved in our great sport of rodeo. We ask you to follow us on social media and our website for the most up to date information. Stay safe and we hope to get back to rodeoing soon.

Thank you,

GCPRA Board of Directors