SPFR Showcase Itinerary

SPFR 2026 Contract Act Showcase Contestants,

Welcome to the Southeastern Professional Rodeo Association. It is our hope that this showcase helps bring forth unique talents and styles to our profession. It is also our hope that this will allow talents from different parts of the country to be seen and allow stock contractors and committees to see and hear, a wide range of acts and voices and be able to continue to produce a quality rodeo that the SPRA is known for. Thank you for entering, best of luck to you, and have fun.

SPRA Board of Directors

Thursday, January 21, 2027

4:00-5:00 pm. Showcase Contestants check in at SPFR office Neshoba County Coliseum.

7:00 pm. First performance of 2025 SPFR.

Friday, January 22, 2027

8:30 am. Open arena for the Showcase contestants.

10:00 am. Showcase begins.

7:00 pm. 2nd Performance of 2024 SPFR

10:30 pm. The Gold Buckle Gala immediately following the rodeo performance at the Golden Moon Hotel & Casino (Magnolia Room).

The SPRA Showcase will be January 22, 2027 @ 10:00 am.

Neshoba County Coliseum

12000 MS-15

Philadelphia, MS 39350

All contestants entered in the showcase must be present at the mandatory meeting held at the arena at 4:00 pm Thursday, January 21, 2027 in the SPFR office. Minor contestants must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian, along with a minor's waiver. Waiver is available at www.sprarodeo.net.

Unless, it is a piece of sound equipment or computer that is specific to your act, there is no need to bring your microphones, computers, or sound equipment. A handheld mic will be provided for the announcers. Comedy and Dress acts will be provided a wireless mic.

To minimize confusion please, make sure your sound bites and needed music is on a USB flash drive by itself with no other music and labeled. *Pyro, and smoke is allowed but, will need to be approved*. No heavy smoke, open flames, mortars, etc.

The host hotel for the SPFR is the Golden Moon Casino and Spa, located 13541 MS-16, Philadelphia, MS 39350. (601)650-1234.

RV sites are available at the arena, but are limited to first come, first serve. (601)656-5775.

No stalls are available at the arena; stock can be stalled at the Stockyards.

East Mississippi Farmers Livestock Co.

12190 Pecan Ave

Philadelphia, MS 39350

601-656-6732

Contestants will each receive free admittance to the SPFR and The Gold Buckle Gala, along with one companion, for all performances.

The Gold Buckle Gala is at the Golden Moon Casino in The Magnolia Room each night following the rodeo performance. There is a cash bar; however no food is served at the Gala. Food is available for purchase at the casino and is allowed to be brought to the Gala. **No awards or prize money will be awarded prior to the Award Ceremony at the Gold Buckle Gala.**

$500 added *in each event (pays top 3 per event), Showcase Champions will receive – Prize money, Trophy Buckle, SPFR Jacket, 2027 SPRA membership card. Awards for 2nd and 3rd place as well.*

Announcer

Name_____ **Total score_____**

_____: Appearance

_____: Pronunciation/clarity

_____: Communication with Clown/Act

_____: Crowd Engagement

_____: Sponsors

_____: Preparation of presentation

Comments:_____
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Comedy Act

Name_____ Total Score_____

Act_____

6 minute time limit **Total time: _____**

_____: Appearance

_____: Pronunciation/clarity

_____: Comedy

_____: Communication with the announcer

_____: Crowd engagement

_____: Prop appearance

_____: Prop performance

_____: Use of sound

_____: Overall act performance

Comments_____
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Dress Act

Name_____ Total score_____

Act_____

6 Minute time limit **Total time: _____**

_____: Appearance

_____: Use of sound

_____: Prop/animal appearance

_____: Prop/animal performance

_____: Crowd engagement

_____: Communication with the announcer/preparation

_____: Overall act performance

Comments:_____
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Announcers and acts will be judged 1-10 in the categories on the judge's sheets. The judge's panel will consist of 1 novice rodeo fan, 1 SPRA rodeo committee member, and 1 rodeo professional (pick-up man, stock contractor, judge, etc.)

There will be a 6 Minute time limit per act, 1 point will be deducted after 6 minutes and, 1 point for every 15 seconds after that will be deducted from the total score. I will judge and time each of the contestants, just as the panels of judges are; However my scores will not count unless there is a tie. In the event of a tie I will be the tie breaker.

The showcase will be at the Neshoba County Coliseum between events at the elementary school rodeo performance Friday morning. Announcer contestants will announce one rodeo event and an act.

During the mandatory meeting please let me know if you will need help with props or help in an act. Please have your USB flash drives labeled and formatted prior to the mandatory meeting. The music director will be able to cut sound if it's needed however; it is your responsibility to ensure you have the proper cuts to music, and soundbites. Soundbites will be loaded after our meeting on Thursday so please, be patient, and prepared to stay until this is done. **No soundbites or music will be loaded Friday morning.** I will be glad to answer any further questions pertaining to the showcase at the mandatory meeting.

Thank you and good luck,

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