

## 2017 RANCHO MISSION VIEJO RODEO FAQs

**Q: Who is hosting the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo?**

A: The family-held Rancho Mission Viejo encompasses 23,000 acres and is the largest family-owned landholding and the oldest existing large-scale cattle ranch in Orange County, CA. Since 1882, Rancho Mission Viejo has been under the stewardship of the O’Neill/Avery/ Moiso family. Members of the Ranch family still ride the ranges and annually gather and brand their cattle.

The annual Rancho Mission Viejo is hosted by the Rancho Mission Viejo family and its dedicated group of Rodeo volunteers.

**Q: Why does the Ranch family conduct the Rodeo?**

A: The Annual Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo is the richest two-day rodeo in the nation with a purse totaling over \$320,000. The top rodeo contestants in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie down roping and team roping will compete.

Celebrating the “Rancho period” of early California history and the traditions of the American West, the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo is committed to the preservation of the cowboy way of life. As stewards of one of the last remaining California “Ranchos,” the Rancho Mission Viejo family is proud of its ranching heritage and strives to hold dear to the authentic and honest values held by the American cowboy.

This year marks the 17th Annual Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo. Over the course of the last years, proceeds from the Rodeo have resulted in a more than \$1.9 million in total charitable contributions to local charities, including Camino Health Center and The Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding, both located in San Juan Capistrano, CA. This year, proceeds collected will benefit The Shea Center and CHOC at Mission Hospital.

**Q: When is the 2017 Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo?**

A: Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27

**Q: Where is the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo conducted?**

A: The Rodeo is conducted at the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park at San Juan Capistrano, located at the intersection of Ortega Highway and Antonio Parkway/La Pata in San Juan Capistrano, CA. For driving directions, visit [www.RMVRodeo.com](http://www.RMVRodeo.com) and click on the “Directions” page.

**Q: What time does the Rodeo start and how early can I arrive?**

A: Saturday, August 26: gates open at 1:00 p.m., with Opening Ceremonies beginning at 3:45 p.m..  
Sunday, August 27: gates open at 11:30 a.m., with Opening Ceremonies beginning at 1:15 p.m..  
For a more detailed schedule, visit [www.RMVRodeo.com](http://www.RMVRodeo.com) and click on the “Event” page.

**Q: What is the cost of Rodeo tickets? When do tickets go on sale? Where do I purchase tickets?**

A: General Admission: \$30 for adults & \$10 for children ages 4-12. Tickets go on sale starting Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Tickets can be purchased at various local stores in the South Orange County area or on the day of the event at the Rodeo gates. Please visit [www.RMVRodeo.com](http://www.RMVRodeo.com) for ticket locations near you. All ticket sales are non-refundable.

**Q: Is parking available on-site. What is the cost to park on-site?**

A: On-site parking is available. Parking is \$10.00 per car. Exact change is appreciated. Handicap parking is available (you will be directed once you enter the park).

**Q: How do I become a Rodeo Sponsor?**

A: For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact [rodeoinfo@ranchomv.com](mailto:rodeoinfo@ranchomv.com).

**Q: I bought a table in the Pavilion Sponsor area. Do I need tickets for everyone in my party?**

A: Yes, EACH person (children included) must have a Pavilion ticket to enter this area.

**Q: How do I become a Rodeo Vendor?**

A: Please visit [www.RMVRodeo.com](http://www.RMVRodeo.com) and click on the "Vendor" page to learn how to become a Rodeo Vendor.

**Q: What are some of things I can and cannot bring to the Rodeo?**

A: You **CAN** bring the following:

- Cameras
- Strollers (must be parked under the Grandstand)
- Wheel chairs and walkers

You **CANNOT** bring the following:

- Pets or other animals, except approved service animals. Service animals should remain on a leash or in a harness and under the control of the owner at all times.
- Film or videotaping equipment. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn. (PRCA) does not allow videoing of PRCA-sanctioned events. The Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo is a PRCA sanctioned event.
- Alcohol and all controlled substances
- Recreational devices such as drones, remote control toys, skateboards, scooters, inline skates, shoes with built-in wheels.
- Weapons of any kind, or objects that appear to be weapons (also including toy blasters, squirt guns, etc.)
- Folding chairs
- Other items that we determine may be harmful or disruptive

**Q: Is Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo merchandise available for purchase online?**

A: No. Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo merchandise is only available for purchase at the Rodeo in the Vendor Area.

**Q: Is seating covered?**

A: Most seating is covered yet the use of sunscreen is recommended.  
Accessible/disabled seating is available.

**Q: What precautions are taken to protect the livestock?**

A: As a sanctioned Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn. (PRCA) event, the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo is committed to following the rules for the care and treatment of rodeo livestock including equipment uses, the time allowed for competition, the condition of the facilities, and more. To get the facts, please visit the PRCA website at [www.prorodeo.com](http://www.prorodeo.com), click on the "Livestock" page and then scroll to/click on "Livestock Welfare Rules".