



WCRA S4 Semi-Finals Ground Rules, Payout Advancement and Tie Breakers

- By December 1st, 2019 at 11:59:59pm for all disciplines –
 - The top 64 highest ranked athletes, per WCRA Segment 4 leaderboard, who enter will advance to WCRA S4 Semi-Finals.
 - All athletes are eligible to compete in each discipline one time
- Semi Finals Exemptions:
 - Timed Events:
 - The Top 8 athletes in the WCRA Leaderboard standings are exempt into the Final Round of the Semi Finals and will not be required to pay an entry fee.
 - The number one athlete from the WCRA Leaderboard is exempt to the WCRA \$1MM Major and the final round of the semi-finals.
 - The Top 9- 16 athletes in the WCRA Leaderboard standings are exempt into the Progressive Round of the Semi-Finals and will not be required to pay an entry fee.
 - The remaining timed event athletes filling the #17-#64 competition positions will compete in the Preliminary Round and will pay a \$250 entry fee.
 - All exempt timed event athletes shall not compete in the preliminary rounds.
 - Nominate/Enter, Win, You're In (NWYI) Qualifications:
 - Any athlete that competed in a NWYI Alliance event and won the event has guaranteed themselves a qualification into the semi-finals.
 - Athletes are allowed to advance to the semi-finals once per discipline, whether it be a NWYI qualification or from their placement on the WCRA leaderboard.
 - If an athlete wins multiple NWYI qualifications in a single discipline, WCRA will not drop down in the leaderboard to fill the qualification.
- General Ground Rules
 - Splits:
 - All timed event splits must be declared two hours before the event start time.
 - Turn Outs and Non-Entries:
 - If an athlete does not enter, they will be replaced by a qualified athlete from the WCRA Leaderboard
 - If an athlete turns out of the Preliminary Round, their position will not be filled.
 - If an athlete turns out of the Progressive Round or Final Round, their position will be filled through competition.
 - The penalty for a notified turnout is \$500.00. The penalty for a non-notified turnout is \$500.00 plus any applicable entry fees and/or stock charges associated with the entry. The athlete cannot participate in the WCRA platform until the penalty fee is paid.
 - Vet or doctor releases can be submitted and will be considered for waiving penalties.

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- If an athlete turns out, and submits a vet/doctor release, but then competes at another event during the same time as the WCRA event they turned drew out of, the athlete will be required to pay all penalty's and will not be able to compete in the following WCRA segment.
- Trades
 - This event format negates the need for any trades.
 - No trades are allowed from pool to pool in the Progressive or Final Rounds
- Times in the Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping and Breakaway Roping will be recorded to the hundredths of seconds.
- Times in the Barrel Race will be recorded to the thousandths of seconds.
- Barrel Racing Tractor Drag/Hand Rake
 - Preliminary Round
 - Tractor drag after every 5 runs
 - WCRA may choose to hand rake after every run
 - Progressive Round
 - Hand rake after every run
 - Final Round
 - Hand rake after every run
- Team Roping Rules –
 - Each athlete's individual point total from the WCRA leaderboard will determine qualification into the Semi-Finals. Combined partner point totals will determine the team's competition placement within the top 64.
 - At the conclusion of the segment cut off, all Headers/Heelers will first declare their partners via email prior to entries opening. A link to a live sheet will be shared with all header/heelers to see the pairings as they are sent in.
 - A deadline will be set for those headers/heelers to confirm their partner.
 - Once all pairings are declared, competition placement for the semi-finals will be determined based on the combined point totals between each team. The qualifications are as follows:
 - The top 17 – 64 combined point totals between the header/heeler will advance to the Preliminary Round and will compete in reverse order in Round 1.
 - The top 9 – 16 combined point totals between the header/heeler will advance to the Progressive Round
 - The top 8 combined point totals between the header/heeler will advance to the Final Round
 - Once the competition placement is set; entries will open and each individual header/heeler must enter the event through the WCRA VRQ entry tool.
 - Both partners will be required to pay a separate entry fee. Only the athletes ranked 17 – 64 will pay a \$250 entry fee.
 - The number one header and heeler from the WCRA Leaderboard are exempt to the WCRA \$1MM Major and the final round of the semi-finals.
 - The number one ranked header/heeler are not required to rope together in the semi-finals, but they can only advance to the major once and the next eligible team would advance from the same pool the winning header or heeler roped in.
 - Headers/Heelers competing in the Preliminary Round
 - In the event there is an uneven number of headers/heelers, any vacancies must first be filled with the eligible headers/heelers

- Once all eligible headers/heelers have declared a partner, the remaining headers/heelers without a partner will be allowed to choose a partner from the remaining field of entered athletes
- Note: All athletes are eligible to compete in each discipline one time
- **Pools Format** - The intended format is as follows:
 - Timed Events (Lazy E Arena, Jan. 7-9, 2020, Guthrie, OK)
 - Progressive Round – Four pools of eight athletes
 - Final Round – Two pools of eight athletes
 - In the event that limits are not reached, the pool structure will be modified to accommodate the number of qualifiers.
- **Pool Placement**
 - Every effort will be made for an equal number of athletes in each pool.
 - Progressive and Final Round Exemptions
 - The 8 athletes exempt to each round will be placed in their own pool.
 - The 8 athletes that compete in the Progressive Round and advance to the Final Round will be placed in their own pool.
- **Competition Order**
 - Timed Events (Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping)
 - Preliminary Round –
 - Round One – Reverse Order of the WCRA Leaderboard
 - The qualification order will be as follows:
 - Nominate, Win, You're In (if not in the top 64)
 - Combined team points will determine the competition order in the team roping
 - WCRA Leaderboard Standings (64 – 17)
 - Round Two – Random Draw
 - Progressive Round – Random Draw within each pool.
 - Final Round – Random Draw within each pool.
- **Competition Format**
- **Timed Events (Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping)**
 - Preliminary Round
 - Consists of two full rounds
 - Each Preliminary go round will pay four positions
 - Two head aggregate will pay six positions

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- A total of thirty-two (32) athletes from each discipline advance to the Progressive Round. Those 32 will include:
 - The 9 – 16 (total of 8) exempt athletes from the WCRA Leaderboard
 - The remaining 24 athletes will be filled as follows:
 - Any athlete that places 1st through 4th place in either Preliminary Round will move into the Progressive Round.
 - The remaining places will be filled by the fastest times in the aggregate of both Preliminary Rounds.
 - In the event there are not enough qualifiers to advance on from the two head aggregate, the remaining qualifiers will advance from the fastest times on one.
- Progressive Round
 - Thirty-two (32) athletes in each timed event discipline will compete in the Progressive Round, with a total payout of \$20,000.
 - The 32 athletes will be divided into four (4) Pools [A, B, C, D] of eight (8) athletes in each pool.
 - Pools will be seeded as follows:
 - The 9 – 16 (total of 8 athletes) from the WCRA Leaderboard will be in a single pool (Pool D)
 - The remaining 24 athletes advancing from the Preliminary Rounds will be randomly drawn into the remaining pools (Pools A, B, C).
 - Pool competition order will be A, B, C, D. The order of competition within each pool will be set by random draw.
 - The two (2) fastest times, in each pool will advance to the Final Round
 - If there are not two (2) qualified times in a pool, the next position filled will be from the fastest time, not already qualified, from any Progressive Round pool. If there are still open spots in a pool to advance to the Final Round, the next spot will be filled from the highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard of that segment, of the athletes in that pool, with the open position(s).
- Final Round
 - The top eight (8) athletes will be exempt from the WCRA Leaderboard
 - Eight (8) athletes advancing from the Progressive Round
 - The sixteen (16) athletes, collectively, will be placed in two (2) pools; Pool A and Pool B
 - Pool B will be filled with the Top 8 exempt athletes
 - Pool A will be filled with the 8 athletes from the Progressive Round
 - Pool competition order will be A, B. The order of competition within each pool will be set by random draw.
 - The four (4) fastest times in each Final Round pool advance to the WCRA \$1MM Major.
 - The number one athlete from the WCRA Leaderboard is exempt to the

WCRA \$1MM Major.

- The Final Round will pay out a total of \$35,000.
- Nine (9 athletes (including the #1 ranked athlete from the Segment 4 leaderboard) in each discipline will advance to the WCRA \$1,000,000 Major on February 28, 2020 in Kansas City, MO.
 - If the number one athlete from the WCRA Leaderboard is included in the top 8 of the Semi Finals, WCRA will advance the next fastest time from that athlete's pool.

○ **Instant Replay Rules**

- INSTANT REPLAY RULING CHALLENGE (IRRC): These rules and guidelines may be amended and revised from time to time based on the logistics of implementation, effects on TV programming, delays to events, and other practical logistics learned as these rules and procedures are implemented.
- Instant replay could be a useful device to allow Judges, including a newly appointed Instant Replay Judge, to view a ride from several different angles and with slow motion. Where available, super slow motion may also be a useful tool.
- WCRA will designate an Official as an Instant Replay Judge. The Instant Replay Judge's decision is final.
 - An Athlete may call for an IRRC on his own ride only immediately after his ride, but not after he leaves the arena. He may do so by throwing a flag, to be located at both rider out-gates, timed event chutes or a designated location within the arena. He will have 30 seconds to throw the flag. If there is no clock, until the judge's stopwatch reaches 30 seconds after the completion of a ride. If a rider is injured and is reasonably unable to get to the IRRC flag in time, he may signal a judge for an IRRC by a motion. If there is no flag at an event, it shall be the rider's sole responsibility to alert the judges with the appropriate motion and confirmation for an IRRC.
- Possible challenges for replay are identified in the rules of each discipline.

WCRA Semi-Finals Segment 4

Advancement & Tie Breakers

****Tie Breakers are for advancement purposes only – monies will remain split if tied****

TIMED EVENTS: STEER WRESTLING, TEAM ROPING, TIE-DOWN ROPING, BARREL RACE, BREAKAWAY

PRELIMINARY ROUND:

CONSISTS OF:

1. Athletes entered from the WCRA Leaderboard Segment 4

ADVANCEMENT – 24 athletes move on from Preliminary Round to Progressive Round:

1. Athletes placing 1st – 4th in the first and second rounds of the Preliminary Round advance
 - a. If a placing position is tied in the go-round, ties creating the split below 5th place will be dropped – remaining advancement positions will be filled from the two-head aggregate of Preliminary Round.
2. All other advancement positions will be filled from the two-head aggregate of the Preliminary Round in order of fastest combined aggregate times first.

TIE-BREAKERS IN GO-ROUND:

1. If a tie creates a split to 5th – all 5 athletes will advance
2. Any ties creating a split below 5th – positions creating that tie will NOT advance. Remaining advancement positions will be filled from the two-head aggregate of the Preliminary Round.

TIE-BREAKERS IN TWO HEAD AGGREGATE:

1. Fastest time in any Preliminary go-round
2. Highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment 4) (In Team Roping, it is based on the Team Roping combined points).

PROGRESSIVE ROUND:

CONSISTS OF 32 ATHLETES:

1. Eight (8) exempted from the WCRA Leaderboard Segment 4
2. 24 from Preliminary Round

ADVANCEMENT – 16 athletes move on from Progressive Round to Final Round:

1. Two fastest times in each Progressive Round pool advance to Final Round
2. If there are not two qualified times in a Progressive Round pool, the next position filled will be from the fastest time, not already qualified, from any Progressive Round pool.
3. If there are still open advancement positions in a pool, the next position(s) will be filled from the highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment 4) of the athletes in that Progressive Round pool with the open position(s). (In Team Roping, it is based on the combined Team Leaderboard points.)

TIE-BREAKERS:

1. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment 4) (In Team Roping, it is based on the Team Roping combined points)

FINAL ROUND:

CONSISTS OF 16 ATHLETES:

1. Top eight (8) from WCRA Leaderboard
2. Eight (8) from Progressive Round

ADVANCEMENT – Nine (9) athletes (including the #1 ranked athlete from the segment 4 leaderboard) move on from Final Round to WCRA \$1MM Major

1. Four fastest times in each Final Round pool advance to WCRA \$1MM Major
2. If there are not four qualified times in a Final Round pool, the next position filled will be from the fastest time from any Final Round pool not already qualified.
3. If there are still open advancement positions in a pool, the next position(s) will be filled from the highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment 4) of the athletes in that Final Round pool with the open position(s). (In Team Roping, it is based on the Team Roping combined points)
4. If the number one athlete from the WCRA Leaderboard is included in the top 8 of the Semi Finals, WCRA will pick up the next highest score from that athlete's pool.

TIE-BREAKERS:

1. Fastest time in the Progressive Round
2. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment 4) (In Team Roping, it is based on the Team Roping combined points)

WCRA Semi-Finals Segment 4 Payout

TIMED EVENTS: STEER WRESTLING, TEAM ROPING, TIE-DOWN ROPING, BARREL RACE, BREAKAWAY

*All athletes are subject to US tax law regarding withholdings from payout.

*Any non-US resident completing any tax form other than a W9, WCRA will withhold 30% of earnings.

- **PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:**

- Consists of two (2) full rounds
- Entry Fees = \$250
- Office/Cattle Charge = \$50
- Net to Pot = \$200
- \$1,000 added in the average (equal money in TR)

- EACH PRELIMINARY GO-ROUND:
 - Each go-round = Two-seventh's (2/7) of net pot
 - Each go-round pays 4 positions (40%, 30%, 20%, 10%)

- TWO HEAD AGGREGATE
 - Aggregate = Three-seventh's (3/7) of net pot + \$1,000 added
 - Aggregate pays 6 positions (29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%)

- **PROGRESSIVE ROUND:**

- Each timed event discipline Progressive Round total payout = \$20,000 (\$5,000 paid in each pool)
- The Progressive Round payout for each pool will be as follows:

1 st Place	60%	\$ 3,000.00
2 nd Place	40%	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 5,000.00

- **FINAL ROUND:**

- Each timed event discipline Final Round total payout = \$35,000 (\$17,500 paid in each pool)
- The Final Round payout for each pool will be as follows:

1 st Place	40%	\$ 7,000.00
2 nd Place	30%	\$ 5,250.00
3 rd Place	20%	\$ 3,500.00
4 th Place	10%	\$ 1,750.00
TOTAL		\$ 17,500.00

GROUND MONEY

- In the case of not having enough scores or times in an event discipline, there will be ground money.
- The definition of ground money is unclaimed prize money by go-round that will be divided evenly between the athletes with qualified times or scores within their respective pools.
- If there are no qualified rides or times within a pool, no ground money will be paid out.