



2022 RODEO CORPUS CHRISTI // WCRA – FAST FACTS

- Rodeo Corpus Christi will be the first 2022 WCRA Major Rodeo and the first stop of the 2022 Triple Crown of Rodeo (excluding the steer roping).
- The Event will pay out over \$550,000 and will be held in conjunction with the PBR Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour Finals event during The Buccaneer Days Festival in Corpus Christi, Texas May 11-14, 2022, at the American Bank Center
- Timed Event Qualifying Rounds will occur in Robstown, Texas at Richard M. Borchard Regional Fair Grounds May 9-10, 2022
- Steer Roping, all rounds, will occur in Robstown, Texas at Richard M. Borchard Regional Fair Grounds Sunday, May 8, 2022. The Steer Roping will include a B Roper Incentive payout.
- The Triple Crown of Rodeo is an annual bonus that will pay \$1 million to any one athlete or collection of athletes who win first place in any three consecutive WCRA Major Rodeos
- The Triple Crown of Rodeo event will be featured on a CBS Television network broadcast Athletes from the following disciplines will participate at Rodeo Corpus Christi– Bareback Riding, Women’s Breakaway Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping (Heading and Heeling), Tie-Down Roping, Barrel Racing, and Bull Riding.
- WCRA welcomes back Division Youth (DY) to competition within the VRQ platform in 2022 with the Rodeo Corpus Christi WCRA DY Incentive. Youth athletes ages 13-19 will also have an opportunity to participate at this event. The top 8 timed event athletes on the WCRA DY Leaderboard will participate in the qualifying rounds and be eligible for their own incentive purse as well as having the same opportunity to advance through the entire rodeo
- WCRA VRQ Segments RC22, SR22 (Steer Roping only) and DY (youth) are currently open for nominations and all Rodeo Corpus Christi related segments will close Sunday April 10, 2022, at 11:59:59PM
- Number 1 athlete on the WCRA Segment RC22 and SR22 Leaderboards will be seeded into the Showdown Round. The Number 1 on the WCRA Leaderboard may participate in the qualifying rounds of competition for the money and will not jeopardize their seeded position
- Number 2-4 (timed event disciplines) on the WCRA Segment RC22 Leaderboard will be seeded into the Progressive Round. The Number 2-4 on the WCRA Leaderboard may participate in the qualifying rounds of competition for the money and will not jeopardize their seeded position
- Athletes must have a minimum of 15 VRQ points on the leaderboards to be eligible to participate in Rodeo Corpus Christi.
 - Segment RC22 – Riding Events up to 27 and Timed Events up to 48 in each discipline will be eligible to enter and participate
 - Segment SR22 - Timed Events up to 64 in each discipline will be eligible to enter and participate
 - Segment DY - Timed Events up to 8 in each discipline will be eligible to enter and participate

- **COMPETITION FORMAT:**

- **TIMED EVENT DISCIPLINES:**

- Entry fees of \$0 for eligible athletes in each discipline included in the Qualifying Rounds of competition, which qualify exclusively through WCRA VRQ.
 - Total guaranteed event payout of \$55,000 for each timed event discipline
 - DY INCENTIVE - \$3,500 per discipline

- **DISCIPLINES: TIE DOWN ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, TEAM ROPING-HEADING, TEAM ROPING-HEELER, BREAKAWAY ROPING: Competition Format:**

- Qualifying Rounds – two (2) full rounds – up to 48 RC22 leaderboard athletes and up to 8 DY leaderboard athletes
 - Advance to Progressive – Top 24 from two-run aggregate
 - Progressive Round during the performance – up to 27 athletes – 24 from Qualifying Rounds – plus WCRA RC22 Leaderboard #2-4
 - 1st Performance – WCRA RC22 Leaderboard #4 and 8 advancing athletes
 - 2nd Performance – WCRA RC22 Leaderboard #3 and 8 advancing athletes
 - 3rd Performance – WCRA RC22 Leaderboard #2 and 8 advancing athletes
 - Advance to Showdown Round:
 - Leaderboard #1
 - Top 2 fastest times from each performance
 - Triple Crown of Rodeo Performance (4th Performance)
 - Showdown Round - 7 athletes
 - Triple Crown of Rodeo Round - Top 3 fastest times advance from the Showdown Round
 - All Performances - Progressive, Showdown & Triple Crown of Rodeo round are clean slate rounds
 - **DISCIPLINE: BARREL RACING: Competition Format:**
 - Qualifying Round - one (1) full round – up to 48 RC22 leaderboard athletes and up to 8 DY leaderboard athletes
 - Advance to Progressive – 24 fastest times
 - Progressive Round during the performance – up to 27 athletes – 24 from Qualifying Rounds – plus WCRA RC22 Leaderboard #2-4
 - 1st Performance – WCRA RC22 Leaderboard #4 and 8 advancing athletes
 - 2nd Performance – WCRA RC22 Leaderboard #3 and 8 advancing athletes
 - 3rd Performance – WCRA RC22 Leaderboard #2 and 8 advancing athletes
 - Advance to Showdown Round:
 - Leaderboard #1
 - Top 2 from each performance
 - Triple Crown of Rodeo Performance (4th Performance)
 - Showdown Round - 7 athletes
 - Triple Crown of Rodeo Round - Top 3 fastest times advance from the Showdown Round
 - All Performances - Progressive, Showdown & Triple Crown of Rodeo round are clean slate rounds
 - **DISCIPLINE: STEER ROPING: Competition Format:**

- Up to 64 Athletes for SR22 Leaderboard
 - Athletes must have a minimum of 15 VRQ points in the SR22 Leaderboard to be eligible to participate.
 - Top 4 athletes on SR22 Leaderboard will be seeded into the Showdown Round, but eligible to compete in all preliminary rounds.
- Total guaranteed event payout of \$55,000 including the B Roper Incentive
 - Showdown Round Payout
 - 1st – \$10,000
 - 2nd – \$6,000
 - 3rd – \$4,000
 - 4th – \$2,000
- Qualifying Rounds - 3 full rounds
 - Competition Order:
 - Round 1 & 3 – reverse order of SR22 Leaderboard
 - Round 2 – reverse order of Round 1
 - B Roper Incentive through the three Qualifying Rounds and Aggregate
- Showdown Round – up to 17 athletes qualify to the Showdown Round based on:
 - 4 - Leaderboard #1-4 are seeded
 - 10 - 3 Run Aggregate – 6 from event aggregate and 4 from B Roper Incentive aggregate.
 - 3 - Winner of Rounds 1, 2 & 3
 - If an athlete earns more than one advancement position, the extra advancement(s) will be vacated and will not be replaced.
- Competition Order in Showdown Round
 - Qualifying Round Winner - 3rd Fastest Time
 - Qualifying Round Winner – 2nd Fastest Time
 - Qualifying Round Winner - Fastest Time
 - 10th Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - 9th Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - 8th Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - 7th Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - 6th Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - 5th Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - 4th Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - 3rd Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - 2nd Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - Fastest 3 Run Aggregate Time
 - SR22 Leaderboard #4
 - SR22 Leaderboard #3
 - SR22 Leaderboard #2
 - SR22 Leaderboard #1
- **ROUGH STOCK DISCIPLINES:**
 - Entry fees of \$0 for a up to 27 athletes in each discipline included in the Progressive Round of competition (24 VRQ Leaderboard and 3 Outside Qualifiers chosen at the discretion of RCC committee and WCRA).
 - Total guaranteed event payout of \$49,000 for each riding event discipline

- **DISCIPLINES: BAREBACK RIDING, SADDLE BRONC RIDING AND BULL RIDING**

- Progressive Round during the first three performances
 - Up to 27 athletes (24 VRQ Leaderboard and 3 Outside Qualifiers chosen at the discretion of RCC committee and WCRA)
 - 9 per performance
 - Advance to Showdown Round
 - Leaderboard #1
 - Top 2 from each performance
- Showdown Round (4th Performance) – 7 athletes
 - WCRA RC22 Leaderboard #1
 - Top 2 highest scores from each performance
 - Showdown and TCR Rounds are clean slate rounds
- Triple Crown of Rodeo Performance (4th Performance)
 - Triple Crown of Rodeo Round - Top 3 highest scores advance from the Showdown Round
- Stock Draft – all rounds of competition/performances will include a stock draft. Draft priority is based on leaderboard position (highest position picks first). The stock draft will be held approximately 2 ½ hours prior to the performance start time.
- All Performances - Progressive, Showdown & Triple Crown of Rodeo round are clean slate rounds

- **TCR PERFORMANCE:**

- Final performance of the TCR Event.
- \$252,000 total payout (\$28,000 per discipline), nine standard WCRA disciplines shall be included in the final TCR Event:
 - Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Tie-Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping Header, Team Roping Heeler, Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping
 - Payout:
 - 1st – \$15,000 (paid in TCR round)
 - 2nd – \$6,500 (paid in TCR round)
 - 3rd – \$2,500 (paid in TCR round)
 - 4th – \$1,000 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 5th – \$1,000 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 6th – \$1,000 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 7th – \$1,000 guaranteed appearance fee
- Total of 7 athletes are eligible to advance to the TCR Event (4th Performance) in each of the nine disciplines.
 - One (1) - The number one ranked athlete, in each discipline, on the WCRA VRQ Segment RC22 Leaderboard
 - Top two (2) athletes from each of the three (3) Semi-Final performances in each discipline.
- TCR PERFORMANCE FORMAT:
 - Showdown Round – Seven (7) Athletes in each of the nine standard WCRA disciplines will participate in the first Round.
 - Triple Crown of Rodeo Round - Top three (3) in each discipline will advance from the Showdown Round for one final competitive ride or run
 - TCR and Showdown Rounds are clean slate rounds

- For athletes interested in participating in Rodeo Corpus Christi you can learn more about the WCRA, the Virtual Rodeo Qualifier App (VRQ), other information regarding the event and dates, competition, TCR Official Rules and Event Ground Rules, please visit www.wcrarodeo.com.
- Provided they qualify to participate, the event champions from the Cowtown Christmas Championship Rodeo in Fort Worth, TX in December 2021 will be in contention for “win number two of three” at Rodeo Corpus Christi in the WCRA \$1,000,000 Triple Crown of Rodeo Bonus.
- Steer Roping discipline will not be featured during the Rodeo Corpus Christi performances at American Bank Center and will not be televised, nor are the athletes competing in this discipline eligible for the WCRA Triple Crown of Rodeo bonus

About Buccaneer Days:

The Buccaneer Commission, a non-profit organization, was established in 1938 and has annually staged Buccaneer Days in support of bringing entertaining, educational, and western events to the Coastal Bend. This 11-day event is held on the Corpus Christi Bayfront in the Spring, grabbing the attention of South Texas. It has something for everyone, including two weekends of western events, The PBR Velocity Tour Finals the first weekend followed by Rodeo Corpus Christi the second. The event also includes a Carnival, a shopping experience, BBQ and two Parades. To date, the Buccaneer Commission has awarded more than \$1.4 million in scholarships and grants.

The WCRA

- Since launching in May of 2018, the WCRA and its partners have awarded more than \$10.5 million in new money to rodeo athletes. Qualifying is based on points, rather than dollars won, through our world ranking points system- The VRQ.
- The WCRA format and schedule suits all rodeo athletes and for the first time in rodeo history, allows additional earning opportunities for competitors through the development of new, unique format, large payout rodeo events in major markets.
- **WCRA is NOT...** A sanctioning body or a membership driven organization. WCRA also maintains a neutral and nonexclusive position toward any/all rodeo organizations and promoters.
- **WCRA is NOT...** Attempting to develop the rules of competition nor govern the sport of rodeo. WCRA does not crown a year-end champion.

2022 WCRA Triple Crown of Rodeo Events:

- Rodeo Corpus Christi – Corpus Christi, Texas – May 11-14, 2022
- Women’s Rodeo World Championship – Fort Worth, TX – May 16-18, 2022
- Days of 47 Cowboy Games and Rodeo – Salt Lake City, Utah – July 20-25, 2022
- Cowtown Christmas Championship Rodeo – Fort Worth, TX – December 2022

WCRA Fast Facts By The Numbers:

- Since Launching in May 2018 WCRA has:
 - Over 13,000 world-wide Registered Users in the Virtual Rodeo Qualifier App (VRQ)
 - Over 27,000 annual events world-wide are tracked in the WCRA database

- Over 400 different international, national, and regional rodeo organizations and independent event producers have become WCRA Alliance Partners
- Social Media Following:
 - Facebook: Over 178,000
 - Instagram: Over 141,700
- How does one join the WCRA?
 - To participate in the WCRA, an athlete just needs to register as a user in the WCRA Virtual Rodeo Qualifier (VRQ). No membership dues or fees required. Visit wcrarodeo.com to register.
- How does someone download the app?
 - The VRQ is available through your web browser at app.wcrarodeo.com. It is a mobile formatted web app, not a native app therefore not available in the app store.
- Who maintains the VRQ?
 - Rodeo Logistics was contracted to develop the VRQ for the WCRA and has created software that has successfully managed tens of thousands of rodeo athlete nominations worldwide. In addition, Rodeo Logistics developed and launched the WCRA VRQ Entry Tool which has processed several thousand rodeo entries.
- How long is the WCRA Season?
 - WCRA divides the calendar year into segments. In most cases each segment consists of a Semi-Finals and Major. Points accumulate during each segment and reset to zero at the start of each new segment.
- How do athletes earn points?
 - An athlete must nominate and earn points at any event with publicly verifiable results on the VRQ. Eligible events must be an OPEN event where all ages can compete. Once you pay your nomination fee, if you place in a paid position at the event, WCRA will input the results into its system, and your points will be applied during the weekly leaderboard update.
- Adding an event?
 - WCRA has over 23,000 events in their database, but if you cannot find the event you are competing at, you are able to add the event into the WCRA Database.