



**RODEO CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**GROUND RULES PAYOUTS, ADVANCEMENT AND TIE-BREAKERS**  
**CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – MAY 7-11, 2024**

**KEY EVENT DETAILS**

(for reference only – refer to official event grounds rules for complete event information)

- ARENA: American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, TX
- PERFORMANCES - FOUR (4):
  - Wild Card Round - May 7-8 – 7:00 PM (a portion of the Wild Card round will be held during the DY Showcase performance on May 7.)
  - Progressive Round 1 - May 9 – 7:00 PM
  - Progressive Round 2 - May 10 – 7:00 PM
  - Showdown & Triple Crown of Rodeo Rounds - May 11 – 7:00 PM
- TOTAL PAYOUT - \$545,500.00 GUARANTEED
  - BB, SB, BR, – \$60,611.11 per discipline
  - TD, TR-HDR, TR-HLR, SW, BAW, GBR – \$60,611.11 per discipline
- WCRA NOMINATIONS: athletes are eligible to nominate their competitive efforts toward the WCRA Virtual Rodeo Qualifier (VRQ) for Segment RCC24 from October 2, 2023 through April 7, 2024 at 11:59pm CT.
- ELIGIBLE ATHLETES:
  - Athletes are required to have a minimum of fifteen (15) VRQ points on the WCRA Segment RCC24 Leaderboard in a discipline to be eligible to enter Rodeo Corpus Christi with no entry fee
  - Contrary to prior WCRA event formats, NO athletes will be seeded in the final performance of competition.
  - BB, SB, BR – up to 20 athletes from Segment RCC24 Leaderboard
  - TD, TR-HDR, TR-HLR, SW, BAW, GBR – up to Top 20 from WCRA Segment RCC24 Leaderboard
    - Leaderboard athletes #1-#8 from Segment RCC24 are seeded into the Progressive Rounds at no entry fee.
  - Generic Qualifications – Four (4) athletes will earn generic qualifications into the Wild Card Round via placing highest at the select designated events that will be announced soon. Athletes must voluntarily enter a designated qualifier event(s) to be eligible to earn a generic qualification. The highest placing athlete in a discipline that entered will be earn the generic qualification to Rodeo Corpus Christi. Entries will be taken on [app.nextgenrodeo.com](http://app.nextgenrodeo.com).
  - Additional athletes may earn generic qualifications as determined by WCRA and/or the RCC committee and start competition in the Wild Card Round. These events will be advertised in advance if applicable.
- ENTRY FEES:
  - Timed Events - No entry fees
  - Rough Stock - No entry fees
- TRADE DEADLINES: Trades will be allowed in the Wild Card Round between the May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> performance. The deadline for trades is Friday, May 3, 2024, at 3:00pm CT.
- HORSE STALLS and RV PARKING – Stalls/RV available at Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, Robstown, TX. Reservation details will be available at a later date.
- COMPETITION FORMAT: All Disciplines
  - Wild Card Round – 1 Round – 16 athletes
  - Progressive Rounds – 2 Rounds – 12 athletes
  - Showdown Round (except Barrel Racing) – 1 Round (clean slate) – 7 athletes
  - Triple Crown of Rodeo – 1 Round (clean slate) – 3 athletes
    - Barrel Racing – 1 Round (clean slate) – 7 athletes
- ADVANCEMENT TO SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS:
  - Advancement from Wild Card Round to Progressive Rounds:
    - Top 4 fastest times / highest scores
  - Advancement from Progressive Round to Showdown Round:
    - Progressive Round 1 Winner, Progressive Round 2 Winner, Top 5 from Progressive Rounds 2 head Aggregate
  - Advancement from Showdown Round to Triple Crown of Rodeo Round (excludes Barrel Racing):
    - Top 3 fastest times / highest scores
- RELIANCE RANCHES VRQ CHAMPION BONUS WORLD POINTS
  - All entered athletes will be eligible for bonus World Points toward the Reliance Ranches VRQ Champion Leaderboard. Athletes that nominate the RCC event toward Segments RNC24 and/or W25 will be eligible for double (2X) Bonus World Points. See official RRRVRQ Rules for complete bonus payout rules.
- STOCK CONTRACTOR: Frontier Rodeo Company



## RODEO CORPUS CHRISTI GROUND RULES PAYOUTS, ADVANCEMENT AND TIE-BREAKERS CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – MAY 7-11, 2024

### 1. SCHEDULE OF KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

- 1.1. October 2, 2023 at 12:01am CT – RCC24 nominations open
- 1.2. April 7, 2024 at 11:59pm CT – RCC24 nomination close
- 1.3. April 9, 2024 at 2:00pm CT – Preliminary Leaderboard Update
  - 1.3.1. All athletes have from Tuesday, April 9 at 2:00pm CT – Wednesday, April 10 at 2:00pm CT to email [support@wcrarodeo.com](mailto:support@wcrarodeo.com) to declare a dispute in the results. After this deadline, all points on the RCC24 leaderboard are final.
- 1.4. April 11, 2024 at 1:00pm CT – RCC24 leaderboard final
- 1.5. April 12, 2024 at 10:00am CT – April 15, 2023 at 3pm CT – Team Roping Pairings for RCC24 Leaderboard
- 1.6. April 16, 2024 at 12:00pm CT – RCC Entries Open
- 1.7. April 18, 2024 at 12:00pm CT – RCC Entries Close
- 1.8. April 19, 2024 – RCC Callbacks
- 1.9. May 3, 2024 at 3:00pm CT – Wild Card Round Trade Deadline

### 2. RODEO CORPUS CHRISTI - ATHLETE PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. At the close of Rodeo Corpus Christi (RCC, RCC24) the top ranked eligible athletes available in each discipline of the final audited WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard as of April 11, 2024, per the totals listed below in these ground rules and who enter the event will be eligible to participate in Rodeo Corpus Christi (RCC24).
- 2.2. WCRA reserves the right to add additional athletes via a generic qualification from select association or series leaderboards to participate in the event. Any such case may or may not be promoted to the general public outside of the association/series marketing campaigns.
- 2.3. Generic Qualifications – Four (4) athletes will earn generic qualifications into the Wild Card Round via placing highest at select designated events listed below. Athletes must voluntarily enter a designated qualifier event(s) to be eligible to earn a generic qualification. The highest placing athlete in a discipline that entered will be earn the generic qualification to Rodeo Corpus Christi.
  - 2.3.1. Rodeo Corpus Christi Qualifier events
    - 2.3.1.1. San Angelo, TX – April 5-19, 2024
    - 2.3.1.2. Logandale, NV – April 10-14, 2024
    - 2.3.1.3. McDonald, TN – April 26-27, 2024
    - 2.3.1.4. Guymon, OK – May 3-5, 2024
  - 2.3.2. Entries for the Qualifier pool will be taken on [app.nextgenrodeo.com](http://app.nextgenrodeo.com)
    - 2.3.2.1. Entries for the Qualifier events will open on February 28, 2024.
    - 2.3.2.2. Entries for Qualifier events will close at the posted performance start time of the last day of competition of the event.
- 2.4. Athlete's may only earn one competition position in a discipline.
  - 2.4.1. RCC24 Leaderboard ranking supersedes a Generic Qualification. Any athlete that has earned a Generic Qualification that is also ranked in the Top 20 (Riding Events) or Top 20 (Timed Events) of the leaderboard of the generic qualification discipline, the leaderboard ranking will be used for placement in the event.
  - 2.4.2. Generic Qualifications vacated for any reason, including leaderboard qualification, will be filled based on the following process:
    - 2.4.2.1. Any athlete that earned a generic qualification from the designated qualifier events that also earned a qualification by being in the Top 20 of the RCC24 Leaderboard, the vacated position will be filled by the next eligible athlete t on the RCC24 Leaderboard.
    - 2.4.2.2. Any athlete that earned a generic qualification from the designated qualifier events that did not earn a qualification from the RCC24 Leaderboard, the vacated position will be filled by the next eligible athlete on the RCC24 Leaderboard.
    - 2.4.2.3. If a designated qualifier event does not have an eligible qualifier, the competition position will be filled by the next eligible athlete on the RCC24 Leaderboard.
  - 2.4.3. Generic Qualifier athlete – If applicable will start in the Wild Card Round.
- 2.5. Disciplines:

- 2.5.1. Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding and Bull Riding – up to 20 leaderboard athletes per discipline plus invited athletes.
- 2.5.1.1. Bull Riding athletes must be a current member, and in good standing, of Professional Bull Riders, Inc. (PBR).
- 2.5.1.1.1. For any questions about PBR Memberships, payments, or scheduling, you can reach Jack Holmberg at [719-242-2800](tel:719-242-2800) ext. 3235 or by email to [jholmberg@pbr.com](mailto:jholmberg@pbr.com).
- 2.5.1.1.2. PBR Velocity/Challenger Tour level points are applied to the athletes per PBR protocols.
- 2.5.2. Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping-Header, Team Roping-Heeler, Breakaway Roping and Barrel Racing – up to 20 leaderboard athletes per discipline plus invited athletes.
- 2.5.2.1. All references to a Team Roping Leaderboard position will be based on the combined team's point total.
- 2.6. All athletes eligible to enter RCC24 via the WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard will be notified by WCRA via email and text with event entry details.
- 2.7. Athletes on the RCC24 Leaderboard that have not earned the minimum amount of 15 VRQ points required to be eligible to enter the event, are eligible to “enter” the event as an alternate. Alternates will be added to the event per Section 2.6 and Section 2.6.1 of these ground rules.
- 2.8. A master event athlete list of eligible athletes will be created based on their position on the WCRA Segment RCC24 Leaderboard following the final points audit on April 11, 2024. Competition positions will be filled up to the number of available positions in each discipline as listed in this section of these ground rules during the event entry time period. Eligible athletes that enter during the event entry time period that are not placed into a competition position will be placed on the master event athlete list as an alternate in order of their WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard position.
- 2.8.1. If the RCC24 Competition Committee adds an athlete, as an alternate or for any other reason, to the RCC24 athlete roster that has not participated in the WCRA Segment RCC24 or earned the required minimum number of VRQ points during Segment RCC24, he or she must nominate the 2024 RCC event toward the next WCRA Segment and may be subject to an additional \$300 fee.
- 2.9. VRQ Leaderboard Tie-Breakers: If there is a tie in the leaderboard standings following the final audited leaderboard standings, the following process will be used to break ties for qualification to the event.
- 2.9.1. When there is a tie on total VRQ points, the tie will be broken based upon the total number of VRQ points by place.
- 2.9.1.1. For example, the contestant with the most first place VRQ points will win the tie. If both contestants have an equal number of first place VRQ points, the contestant with the most second place VRQ points will win the tie. This process will continue until the tie is decided.
- 2.9.2. The tie will be broken based upon the most VRQ points won in the highest division
- 2.9.3. The tie will be broken based upon the most nominations
- 2.9.4. The tie will be broken based upon the earliest date/time of first nomination
- 2.9.5. The tie will be broken based upon the earliest date of registering in the app.
- 2.9.6. If still tied, the tie will be broken from the standings of the alliance partner that the consolation points were won
- 3. GENERAL GROUND RULES**
- 3.1. Rules of Competition are contained in a separate document available at [RULES](#) or by contacting [support@wcrarodeo.com](mailto:support@wcrarodeo.com)
- 3.2. SANCTIONING BODIES:**
- 3.2.1. IPRA (second sanction) – Must have current IPRA membership prior to start of event to be eligible for IPRA World Standings points.
- 3.2.2. PBR – Bull Riding is PBR approved. Must have PBR membership to be eligible for PBR points.
- 3.3. ELIGIBLE ATHLETES:** Rodeo Corpus Christi (RCC24) is open to:
- 3.3.1. Timed Events: all athletes over the age of thirteen (13) years of age at the time of entry.
- 3.3.1.1. Steer Wrestling - Must be a minimum of 15 years of age to nominate and must be 16 years of age to enter and compete at the event.
- 3.3.1.2. Breakaway Roping is limited to biological female athletes only.
- 3.3.2. Riding Events –
- 3.3.2.1. Bull Riding - all athletes over the age of eighteen (18) at the time of competition per PBR Rulebook.
- 3.3.2.2. Bareback Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding - Must be a minimum of 15 years of age to nominate and must be 16 years of age to enter and compete at the event.
- 3.3.3. WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard Qualification Benefits:
- 3.3.3.1. WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard #1-#8 athletes/teams will be seeded to RCC24 Progressive Round.
- 3.3.3.1.1. Contrary to prior WCRA event formats, NO athletes will be seeded in the final performance of competition. Seeded athletes are not eligible to participate in the Wild Card Round.

- 3.4. RCC24 DISCIPLINES: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping-Header, Team Roping-Heeler, Women's Breakaway Roping, and Barrel Racing
- 3.5. Competition Schedule:
  - 3.5.1. Wild Card Round – May 7-8, 2024 (a portion of the Wild Card round will be held during the DY Showcase performance on May 7.)
  - 3.5.2. Progressive Rounds – May 9-10, 2024
  - 3.5.3. WCRA Showdown & Triple Crown of Rodeo rounds – May 11, 2024
- 3.6. Only actual contestant and one companion allowed gate access for ticketed rodeo performances on the day(s) the athlete is scheduled to participate.
- 3.7. RCC24 Competition Committee reserves the right to modify these ground rules whether by addition to, deletion from, or modification of any rules as it deems necessary, without prior notice, to ensure fair competition.
  - 3.7.1. No rule changes will be made within a round of competition.
- 3.8. Athlete Check In:
  - 3.8.1. All athletes must check-in at the rodeo secretary office to complete and sign a release of liability before competing.
  - 3.8.2. ALL ATHLETES WITH HORSES – Must check-in with the rodeo secretary and present all current required Texas Animal Health documents.
- 3.9. PERFORMANCE PARKING – Athlete parking location will be provided in the pre-event information packets.
- 3.10. COVID and General Health Welfare Compliance:
  - 3.10.1. The safety of the athletes, production crew, event staff, venue staff, exhibitors, spectators and everyone in the execution of this event is the staff's top priority.
  - 3.10.2. The Competition Committee may implement safety guidelines based on recommendations from Federal, State, and Local officials along with the host venues and partner corporations' protocols in place at the time of the event. Safety guidelines will be provided to all participants (athletes, staff, etc.) prior to the start of the event.
  - 3.10.3. The Competition Committee reserves the right to follow up on any information received that an athlete may be experiencing adverse health conditions that could compromise the health other people. Pending the verification of this information, the Competition Committee may take the appropriate measures it deems necessary to ensure the safety of all participants, personnel, and spectators of the event. These measures may range from added safety protocols to be exercised by the appropriate parties up to the removal of an athlete from the event.
- 3.11. **DEFINITION:** For avoidance of doubt and clarification as it applies to the RCC24 WCRA Major payout, the following defines the difference between an Event Champion and an Event Winner.
  - 3.11.1. An Event Champion is a Contestant/Team that has recorded the highest score/fastest time in the Triple Crown of Rodeo Round **and** has placed first in the final event results of his/her discipline solely by himself/herself. To be an Event Champion, Contestant/Team must meet all Triple Crown of Rodeo eligibility requirements. Contestants/Teams with tied scores/times in the Triple Crown of Rodeo Round are not considered Event Champions. An Event Champion **is** eligible for the Triple Crown of Rodeo bonus program
  - 3.11.2. An Event Winner has not posted a qualified score/time in the Triple Crown of Rodeo Round **and/or** has not placed first in the final results of his/her discipline solely by himself/herself but rather is in a tied situation for first. Event Winners **have not** met the minimum Triple Crown of Rodeo requirements and are **NOT** eligible for the Triple Crown of Rodeo bonus program.
- 3.12. Splits:
  - 3.12.1. All timed event splits must be declared one (1) hour before the event start time.
- 3.13. **Turn Outs and Non-Entries:**
  - 3.13.1. If an eligible athlete qualified via the RCC24 Leaderboard does not enter during the designated entry time period, they will be replaced by the next eligible alternate from the master event athlete list.
  - 3.13.2. If an eligible athlete qualified via the RCC24 Leaderboard draws out of the event before entries close, their position will be filled by the next eligible alternate from the master event athlete list.
  - 3.13.3. If an eligible athlete qualified via the RCC24 Leaderboard turns out of the event after entries close, their position will be filled by the next eligible alternate.
    - 3.13.3.1. The penalty for a notified turnout is \$500.00 or forfeiture of all entry fees, whichever is greater.
    - 3.13.3.2. The penalty for a non-notified turnout is \$500.00 plus forfeiture of all entry fees and/or applicable stock charges associated with the entry.
      - 3.13.3.2.1. The athlete will not be allowed to earn a competition position at the event in the same discipline via alternate qualifying methods.
  - 3.13.4. If an athlete chooses not to participate for a "non- injury" related reason in the Triple Crown of Rodeo Round, they will be assessed a penalty for a notified turnout in the amount of \$1,000.00. The penalty for a notified turnout after the turnout deadline or a non-notified turnout is \$1,000.00 plus any applicable entry fees and/or stock charges associated with the entry.

- 3.13.4.1. Turnout Deadline – 24 hours prior to the posted performance start time of the event.
- 3.13.4.2. If an athlete turns out after the deadline, but before 18 hours of the posted performance time and a replacement participates in their place, the additional fees will be waived above the \$1,000 penalty.
- 3.13.5. Any athlete that incurs a fine for a turnout or non-notified turnout, the athlete will have the option to pay the fine or be ineligible to participate in the WCRA platform for a minimum of the next WCRA segment and up to a maximum one (1) calendar year. The athlete will also forfeit any and all fees or payments made in relation to the ineligible WCRA segment.
  - 3.13.5.1. The ineligible period will be determined by the WCRA Competition Committee and an event Promoter Representative.
- 3.13.6. **Turn Out Due to Doctor Release:** Athlete must give notice to Event Arena Secretary no later than 3 days before his/her scheduled Performance, or upon the occurrence of a physical injury if it occurs less than 3 days before the Performance. In order to be eligible to be Excused, the Athlete must provide, prior to Athlete's first scheduled competition time, a written medical doctor verification on doctor's letterhead bearing the doctor's name, address and phone number, signed by a licensed doctor explaining the injury and recommending that the Athlete not compete in the Event. The doctor's note must be dated no later than 3 days after the alleged injury occurred.
- 3.13.7. **Turn Out Due to Visible Injury:** An Athlete may turn out due to visible injury, provided notification of such a turn out is authorized by official Event Sports Medicine trainer or Event doctor at Event.
- 3.13.8. **Turn Out Due to Vet Releases:** Vet releases will only be accepted in the Barrel Racing Discipline and must be on signed letterhead from a licensed veterinarian.
- 3.13.9. **Non-Notified Turn Out:** Any athlete that is a Non-Notified Turn Out in a round competition will be also being listed as a Turn Out for all subsequent rounds of competition included any earned Advancement or Seeded rounds.
  - 3.13.9.1. Seeded Athletes that opt out of an eligible round of competition must notify WCRA of their intention not to participate in the early rounds of competition.
- 3.13.10. In the Team Roping, if a header or heeler notifies TO, NNTO, VIR, DR, or DO leaving an incomplete team, the next Athlete in the corresponding category (header or heeler) will be added to the team. If an alternate is not found prior to the Athlete's competition time, the remaining partner may select another partner from among any of the Event Athletes already entered in Event, except those scheduled to compete in that same Discipline that have not already entered the maximum allowed times.
- 3.13.11. Other: RCC24 Competition Committee may Excuse an Athlete from competing in a Performance, staying at the Performance for the designated times, or otherwise altering the terms of the Athlete Agreement, but only in its sole and absolute discretion.
  - 3.13.11.1. Due to PBR sanctioning of WCRA events, PBR Athletes that are required to participate in the PBR Unleash the Beast Tour, PBR World Finals or a PBR Teams event that also have qualified to the final performance of a WCRA Triple Crown of Rodeo event will be excused from the final performance without penalty.

#### 4. Athlete Replacement Policy

- 4.1. Any replacements for an advancing open/vacated position in a subsequent round of competition of the event will be filled by the next eligible athlete/team from the previous section of competition (Wild Card Round or Progressive Rounds) standings of the performance the vacated position originally came from, if available.
  - 4.1.1. If athlete replacements have been exhausted or no replacement is available from the performance with the vacated advancement position, the next available athlete with the highest score or fastest time from the overall event will be eligible to fill the vacated position.
- 4.2. WCRA Competition Committee will determine when an athlete/team needs to be replaced and who the replacement athlete/team will be.
- 4.3. WCRA reserves the right to issue a replacement, at any time, to ensure a competitive field for competition.
  - 4.3.1. Honest Effort - If an athlete does not compete fairly and in good faith, in a sportsmanlike and competitive manner, the WCRA Competition Committee may take action which may include disqualification from the event.
- 4.4. In the event an athlete is injured in Progressive Round and unable to participate in the Showdown Round, the next highest score or fastest time will advance.
  - 4.4.1. The injured athlete will receive the equivalent of the last place payout for the event. The advancing athlete that replaces the injured athlete in the Showdown/TCR Round will receive the payout based on their performance in the Showdown/TCR Round.
  - 4.4.2. In the team roping, if a partner is injured in Progressive Round and unable to complete in the Showdown Round, the next athlete from the aggregate standings in that respective discipline not already advancing, will

then advance and replace the injured athlete in the TCR Round.

- 4.5. Trades: Trades will be allowed in the Wild Card Round between the May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> performance. The deadline for trades is Friday, May 3, 2024 at 3:00pm CT.
- 4.6. Timing & Scoring
  - 4.6.1. Timed Event competition will start behind a rope barrier and will be timed by handheld plungers from the PBR Scoring System.
    - 4.6.1.1. Times in the Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, and Breakaway Roping will be recorded to the hundredths of a second.
  - 4.6.2. Barrel Racing times will be recorded to the thousandths of a second by electronic eyes. Dual timer eyes will be used. The primary set of timer eyes (PBR scoring system) will be the primary recorded time. The secondary timer eyes (FarmTek) will be the first back up time used. Handheld stopwatches will be the second backup if needed.
  - 4.6.3. If backup times from stopwatches are required to be used at any time during the event competition a minimum of two (2) handheld stopwatches will be used and averaged to record times to the tenths of a second.
  - 4.6.4. Riding Event disciplines will be scored in half points for both athlete and animal.
    - 4.6.4.1. Two field officials will mark both athlete and animal.
    - 4.6.4.2. Two back judges will start the ride time and watch for fouls.
- 4.7. Stock Draw
  - 4.7.1. Timed Events:
    - 4.7.1.1. Stock will be drawn at least two hours prior to the start of the competition each performance.
    - 4.7.1.2. All rounds of competition, riding event stock will be drawn in order of:
      - 4.7.1.2.1.1. Wild Card Round – athlete's WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard ranking per performance.
      - 4.7.1.2.1.2. Wild Card Round stock will be set for the full round prior to the first performance. The stock will be drawn approximately three (3) hours prior to each Wild Card Round performance. Athletes in the May 7<sup>th</sup> performance will draw stock from the full round herd. Athletes in the May 8<sup>th</sup> performance will draw stock from the animals not used in previous performance.
        - 4.7.1.2.1.2.1. Rerun animals for the Wild Card Round will be set in advance of the draw. Rerun not used in the May 7<sup>th</sup> performance will remain available for the May 8<sup>th</sup> performance.
      - 4.7.1.2.2. Progressive Rounds –
        - 4.7.1.2.2.1. Round 1 –
          - 4.7.1.2.2.1.1. In order of the RCC24 Leaderboard #1-#8 seeded athletes
          - 4.7.1.2.2.1.2. In order of advancing athletes based on Wild Card Round results
        - 4.7.1.2.2.2. Round 2 – based on Round 1 placement with highest placing athlete drawn first.
      - 4.7.1.2.3. Showdown Round – based on Progressive Round Aggregate advancement order with highest placing athlete drawn first.
        - 4.7.1.2.3.1. Triple Crown of Rodeo Round – The stock will be drawn to a round position and assigned to the athlete based on the advancement placement into the TCR round.
    - 4.7.1.3. If a timed event animal escapes, or a re-run is due for any other reason during a performance, the extra will be used. Only escaped animals go back into the herd.
    - 4.7.1.4. RCC24 Competition Committee reserves the right select the appropriate stock from the competition herd to be used in the Showdown and Triple Crown of Rodeo rounds. Selection of this stock may or may not be based on previous competition times within a discipline. RCC24 Competition Committee may consult with athletes in each discipline to set these herds.
    - 4.7.1.5. Misdraw procedure will be determined by the event officials.
  - 4.8. Riding Events:
    - 4.8.1. Wild Card Round – stock will be DRAWN based on the athlete's WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard ranking per performance. Athletes with generic qualifications that do not have RCC24 Leaderboard points will be drawn to an order for the stock draw.
    - 4.8.2. Wild Card Round stock will be set for the full round prior to the first performance. The stock will be drawn approximately three (3) hours prior to each Wild Card Round performance. Athletes in the May 7<sup>th</sup> performance will draw stock from the full round herd. Athletes in the May 8<sup>th</sup> performance will draw stock from the animals not used in previous performance.
      - 4.8.2.1. Reride animals for the Wild Card Round will be set in advance of the draw. Rerides not used in the May 7<sup>th</sup> performance will remain available for the May 8<sup>th</sup> performance.
    - 4.8.3. Progressive & Showdown rounds - The stock will be DRAFTED as follows.
      - 4.8.3.1. Progressive Rounds –
        - 4.8.3.1.1. Round 1 – DRAFT ORDER

- 4.8.3.1.1.1. In order of the RCC24 Leaderboard #1-#8 seeded athletes
- 4.8.3.1.1.2. In order of advancing athletes based on Wild Card Round results
- 4.8.3.1.2. Round 2 – DRAFT ORDER based on Round 1 placement with highest placing athlete DRAFTING first.
- 4.8.3.2. Showdown Round – DRAFT ORDER based on Progressive Round Aggregate advancement order with highest placing athlete drawn first.
- 4.8.3.3. Triple Crown of Rodeo Round – DRAFT ORDER based on Showdown Round advancement order with highest placing athlete DRAFTING first.
- 4.8.3.3.1. Athletes must be present at approximately 5:00pm prior to the start of the performance to draft their stock. If not present, the stock will be randomly drawn for the athlete after the draft concludes.

4.8.4. Livestock will be designated to each performance.

4.8.5. Stock Draft Proxy – An athlete that is scheduled to compete in another rodeo on the day of his/her scheduled RCC24 Performance may opt to use a proxy to perform the stock draft on athlete's behalf. To use the proxy option, the athlete must notify the Rodeo Secretary with the name of his/her proxy a minimum of eight (8) hours prior to the performance start time on Contestant's scheduled Performance Day and provide confirmation the athlete competed at the conflicting rodeo on that day. If athlete does not notify the Rodeo Secretary prior to the deadline and provide the competition verification in advance of the scheduled draft time, athlete will not be allowed to use a proxy to draft his/her stock.

## 5. BARREL RACING GENERAL RULES

### 5.1. Barrel Racing Tractor Drag/Hand Rake

#### 5.1.1. All competition rounds

##### 5.1.1.1. Hand rake after every run

5.1.2. During intermission between the Showdown & Triple Crown of Rodeo rounds the ground will be worked.

## 6. TEAM ROPING PAIRING & LEADERBOARD RULES

6.1. Athletes are not allowed to have more than one (1) identical Header/Heeler pairing combination at any time during the event.

6.1.1. A paired combination must maintain the pairing during any advancement rounds the team has qualified to participate in as long as there are no identical team pairings participating in the event.

6.2. Once the competition pairings are set from the WCRA Leaderboard qualifiers; entries will open, and each individual Header and Heeler must enter the event through Nextgen Rodeo- [app.nextgenrodeo.com](http://app.nextgenrodeo.com)

6.3. In the event there is an uneven number of headers/healers, any vacancies must first be filled with the eligible headers/healers from the master athlete alternate list.

6.3.1. Once all eligible headers/healers have declared a partner and all alternates have been exhausted, the remaining headers/healers without a partner will be allowed to choose a partner from the remaining field of entered athletes.

6.3.1.1. Once an eligible athlete selects a competition partner from the field of entered and eligible athletes to complete the team pairing, the selected partner athlete will be required to pay all applicable nomination/entry fees. The added athlete will be eligible for all payouts and advancement opportunities.

### 6.4. WCRA Leaderboard –

6.4.1. Each eligible athlete's individual point total from the final audited WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard as of April 11, 2024 will determine eligibility to participate into the RCC24.

6.4.1.1. Segment RCC24 Leaderboard – up to the top 20 Headers and up to the top 20 Healers will be eligible to participate in Rodeo Corpus Christi.

6.4.1.1.1. Combined partner point totals after the pairing deadline will determine the team's competition placement in the Wild Card Round.

6.4.1.1.2. The #1-#8 teams based on combined leaderboard points will be seeded into the RCC24 Progressive Round.

6.4.1.1.3. The #9-#20 teams based on combined leaderboard positions start competition in the WCRA Wild Card round.

6.4.1.2. All references to a Team Roping ranking and/or competition position once the pairings have been confirmed will be based on the combined team's point total.

6.4.2. At the conclusion of the segment cut off, all Headers and Healers will first declare their partners via email prior to entries opening. A link to a live sheet will be shared with all header/healers to see the pairings as they are sent in.

6.4.2.1. A deadline will be set for those headers/healers to confirm their partner.

6.4.3. Once all pairings are declared, competition placement will be determined based on the combined point totals between each team. The qualifications are as follows:

6.4.3.1. The #9-#20 Leaderboard positions (based on combined points) in the WCRA Wild Card Round.

6.4.3.2. The #1-#8 Leaderboard positions (based on combined points) are seeded into the Progressive Rounds.

6.5. Any heeler 55 years of age or older in addition to any female may tie on hard and fast. The athlete must notify the Official flagging the discipline if they are tied on.

## 7. WCRA NOMINATION AND OPEN ENTRY DATES/FEEES:

7.1. WCRA Segment RCC24 Nominations

7.1.1. Open – Monday, October 2, 2023 at 12:01 am CT

7.1.2. Close – Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 11:59pm CT

7.2. RCC24 Entries

7.2.1. All RCC24 entries will be through the NextGen Rodeo entry application – [app.NextGenRodeo.com](http://app.NextGenRodeo.com).

7.2.2. Entries Open – April 16, 2023 at 12:00pm CT

7.2.3. Entries Close – April 18, 2023 at 12:00pm CT

7.2.4. All Disciplines: maximum of one (1) entry per discipline per eligible athlete

7.2.5. Competition format negates the use of Priority Preferences while entering.

7.2.6. Entry Fee –

7.2.6.1. Riding Events: complimentary entry for all eligible positions

7.2.6.2. Timed Events: complimentary entry for all eligible positions

## COMPETITION FORMAT, ADVANCEMENT & TIE-BREAKERS

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

8. **COMPETITION LOCATION:** American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, TX

## 9. WILD CARD ROUND

9.1. **ALL DISCIPLINES – BAREBACK RIDING, SADDLE BRONC RIDING, BULL RIDING, TIE DOWN ROPING, TEAM ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, BREAKAWAY ROPING, BARREL RACING**

9.2.

9.2.1. CONSISTS OF:

9.2.1.1. ONE (1) full round of competition

9.2.1.2. Up to 16 athletes/teams

9.2.1.2.1. The Wild Card Round will be held over two (2) performances on May 7-8. The athletes drawn to the May 7<sup>th</sup> performance will be held during the WCRA DY Showcase performance.

9.2.1.2.2. Leaderboard athletes #9-#12 will be set in the Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> performance

9.2.1.2.3. Leaderboard athletes #13-#20 and generic qualifiers will be drawn to either the May 7 or May 8 performance.

9.2.1.3. Competition Order

9.2.1.3.1. Tie Down, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Breakaway Roping - Reverse order of the WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard

9.2.1.3.2. Barrel Racing - based on WCRA leaderboard positions (top of the leaderboard, top of the ground)

9.2.1.3.3. Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding – Random order, based on stock draw

9.2.1.3.4. If applicable - Athletes with generic qualifications that do not have RCC24 Leaderboard points will be random drawn into a position at the bottom of the leaderboard ranking for competition order and stock draw.

9.2.2. **ADVANCEMENT FROM THE WILD CARD ROUND TO PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS:**

9.2.2.1.1. All Disciplines:

9.2.2.1.2. Top 4 fastest times/highest scores from Wild Card Round

9.2.3. TIE-BREAKERS:

9.2.3.1. Timed Events:

9.2.3.1.1. Highest ranked athlete/team on the WCRA RCC24 Leaderboards

9.2.3.2. Riding Events:

9.2.3.2.1. Highest combined ride score from Wild Card Round

9.2.3.2.2. Any one official with the highest ride score from Wild Card Round

9.2.3.2.3. Longest Ride Time in the Round.

9.2.3.2.4. Highest ranked athlete on the WCRA RCC24 Leaderboards

## 10. PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS

10.1. **ALL DISCIPLINES – BAREBACK RIDING, SADDLE BRONC RIDING, BULL RIDING, TIE DOWN ROPING, TEAM ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, BREAKAWAY ROPING, BARREL RACING**

10.1.1. CONSISTS OF:

10.1.1.1. Two (2) full rounds of competition

10.1.1.2. Eligible Athletes:

10.1.1.2.1. Riding Events and Timed Events – Up to 12 athletes



- 10.1.1.2.1.1. 8 - RCC24 Leaderboard #1-#8 seeded athletes
  - 10.1.1.2.1.2. 4 - Advancing athletes from the Wild Card Round
  - 10.1.1.3. Competition Order
    - 10.1.1.3.1. Riding Events: Random order, based on stock draft
    - 10.1.1.3.2. Timed Events – Tie Down Roping, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing
      - 10.1.1.3.2.1. Round 1:
        - 10.1.1.3.2.1.1. Competition Positions 1-4 – Reverse order of advancing athletes based on Wild Card Round results
        - 10.1.1.3.2.2. Competition Positions 5-12 – Reverse order of the RCC24 Leaderboard #1-#8 seeded athletes
        - 10.1.1.3.2.3. Round 2 – Reverse order of Round 1 competition results
- 10.1.2. ADVANCEMENT FROM PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS TO SHOWDOWN ROUND
  - 10.1.2.1. BAREBACK RIDING, SADDLE BRONC RIDING, BULL RIDING, TIE DOWN ROPING, TEAM ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, BREAKAWAY ROPING, (except BARREL RACING)
    - 10.1.2.1.1. Progressive Round 1 Winner
    - 10.1.2.1.2. Progressive Round 2 Winner
    - 10.1.2.1.3. Top 5 from Progressive Rounds 2 head Aggregate
  - 10.1.2.2. BARREL RACING will not be held in the Showdown Round – Barrel Racing advancement from Progressive Rounds will be directly to the TCR Round using the same criteria listed in this section.
    - 10.1.2.2.1. In the event an athlete is injured in Progressive Round and unable to participate in the Showdown Round, the next eligible athlete from the round/aggregate with the vacated position will advance.
    - 10.1.2.2.2. In the team roping, if a partner is injured in Progressive Round and unable to participate in the Showdown Round, the next athlete in that respective discipline from the aggregate with the vacated position will then advance and replace the injured athlete in the Showdown Round.
  - 10.1.2.3. In the Timed Events:
    - 10.1.2.3.1. If there are no qualified times in a Progressive Round performance, no athlete(s) will advance based on that performance's results. The vacated advancing position will be based on the aggregate results of the combined Progressive Round performances.
    - 10.1.2.3.2. If no qualified times or not enough qualified times are available, from the combined Progressive Round performances, all remaining advancing positions will be based on the RCC24 Leaderboard rank.
  - 10.1.2.4. In the Riding Events:
    - 10.1.2.4.1. If there are no qualified scores in a Progressive Round performance, no athlete(s) will advance based on that performance's results. The vacated advancing position will be based on the aggregate results of the combined Progressive Round performances.
    - 10.1.2.4.2. If no qualified scores or not enough qualified scores are available, from the combined Progressive Round performances, all remaining advancing positions will be based on the longest ride times from the combined Progressive Round Performances.
- 10.1.3. TIE-BREAKERS:
  - 10.1.3.1. Timed Events:
    - 10.1.3.1.1. Fastest time in Progressive Round 2
    - 10.1.3.1.2. Fastest time in Progressive Round 1
    - 10.1.3.1.3. Highest ranked athlete/team on the WCRA RCC24 Leaderboards
  - 10.1.3.2. Riding Events:
    - 10.1.3.2.1. Highest Score in Progressive Round 2
    - 10.1.3.2.2. Highest Score in Progressive Round 1
    - 10.1.3.2.3. Highest total combined athlete score in any Progressive Round
    - 10.1.3.2.4. Any one official with the highest ride score in any Progressive Round
    - 10.1.3.2.5. Longest Ride Time in the Round.
    - 10.1.3.2.6. Highest ranked athlete on the WCRA RCC24 Leaderboards

## **10.2. SHOWDOWN ROUND FORMAT:**

- 10.2.1. CONSISTS OF:
  - 10.2.1.1. One (1) full round of competition
    - 10.2.1.1.1. No scores/times advance from previous rounds except for use in tiebreakers
  - 10.2.1.2. Up to 7 athletes/teams
    - 10.2.1.2.1. Progressive Round 1 Winner
    - 10.2.1.2.2. Progressive Round 2 Winner

- 10.2.1.2.3. Top 5 from Progressive Rounds 2 head Aggregate
- 10.2.1.3. Competition Order –
  - 10.2.1.3.1. Riding Events – random order, based on stock draft
  - 10.2.1.3.2. Timed Events - in reverse order of Progressive Round aggregate qualification
    - 10.2.1.3.2.1. 7<sup>TH</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
    - 10.2.1.3.2.2. 6<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
    - 10.2.1.3.2.3. 5<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
    - 10.2.1.3.2.4. 4<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
    - 10.2.1.3.2.5. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
    - 10.2.1.3.2.6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
    - 10.2.1.3.2.7. Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
  - 10.2.1.3.3. Barrel Racing – not held in Showdown Round
- 10.2.2. The Showdown & TCR Rounds combined payout will consist of a total prize money payout of \$27,500 in each discipline (inclusive of guaranteed appearance fee). The payout table is listed in the Payout section below.
- 10.2.3. **SHOWDOWN ROUND TIE BREAKS:**
  - 10.2.3.1. **TIMED EVENTS:**
    - 10.2.3.1.1. Highest placing aggregate position from Progressive Rounds
    - 10.2.3.1.2. Fastest time in any Progressive Round
    - 10.2.3.1.3. Highest placing aggregate position from Wild Card Round
    - 10.2.3.1.4. Fastest time in any Wild Card
    - 10.2.3.1.5. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment RCC24) (In Team Roping, the total combined Team points RCC24 Leaderboard will be used to determine a team's ranking.)
  - 10.2.3.2. **RIDING EVENTS:**
    - 10.2.3.2.1. Highest placing aggregate position from Progressive Rounds
    - 10.2.3.2.2. Highest total combined score in any Progressive Rounds
    - 10.2.3.2.3. Any one official with the highest ride score in the Progressive Rounds
    - 10.2.3.2.4. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard
- 10.2.4. **ADVANCEMENT FROM SHOWDOWN ROUND TO TCR ROUND**
  - 10.2.4.1. Top 3 fastest times/highest scores
    - 10.2.4.1.1. In the event an athlete is injured in Showdown Round and unable to participate in the Showdown Round, the next eligible athlete from the round with the vacated position will advance.
    - 10.2.4.1.2. In the team roping, if a partner is injured in Showdown Round and unable to participate in the TCR round, the next athlete in that respective discipline from the round of the vacated position will then advance and replace the injured athlete in the TCR round.
    - 10.2.4.1.3. If there are no qualified times in a Showdown Round performance, no athlete(s) will advance based on that performance's results. The vacated advancing position will be based on the Progressive aggregate results of the combined Progressive Round performances.
      - 10.2.4.1.3.1. If no qualified times or not enough qualified times are available, from the combined Progressive Round performances, all remaining advancing positions will be based on the RCC24 Leaderboard rank.
  - 10.2.4.2. In the Riding Events:
    - 10.2.4.2.1. If there are no qualified scores in a Showdown Round performance, no athlete(s) will advance based on that performance's results. The vacated advancing position will be based on the aggregate results of the combined Showdown Round performance.
    - 10.2.4.2.2. If no qualified scores or not enough qualified scores are available, from the combined Showdown Round performances, all remaining advancing positions will be based on the RCC24 Leaderboard rank.

### **10.3. TRIPLE CROWN OF RODEO ROUND FORMAT:**

- 10.3.1. **CONSISTS OF:**
  - 10.3.1.1. One (1) full round of competition
    - 10.3.1.1.1. No scores/times advance from previous rounds except for use in tiebreakers
  - 10.3.1.2. Up to 3 athletes/teams – fastest times/highest scores from Showdown Round
  - 10.3.1.3. Barrel Racing – up to 7 athletes
    - 10.3.1.3.1.1. Progressive Round 1 Winner
    - 10.3.1.3.1.2. Progressive Round 2 Winner
    - 10.3.1.3.1.3. Top 5 from Progressive Rounds 2 head Aggregate
  - 10.3.1.4. Competition Order –

- 10.3.1.4.1. Riding Events – in reverse order of Showdown Round qualification
- 10.3.1.4.2. Timed Events - in reverse order of Showdown Round qualification
- 10.3.1.4.3. Barrel Racing - in order of Progressive Round aggregate qualification
  - 10.3.1.4.3.1. Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
  - 10.3.1.4.3.2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
  - 10.3.1.4.3.3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
  - 10.3.1.4.3.4. 4<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
  - 10.3.1.4.3.5. 5<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
  - 10.3.1.4.3.6. 6<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
  - 10.3.1.4.3.7. 7<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances

10.3.2. The Showdown & TCR Rounds combined payout will consist of a total prize money payout of \$27,500 in each discipline (inclusive of guaranteed appearance fee). The payout table is listed in the Payout section below.

10.3.3. All athletes competing in the TCR Round (except Barrel Racing), that recorded a qualified score/time in Showdown Round, are guaranteed a minimum payment of \$3,000.

10.3.4. If, in the TCR Round, no athletes make a qualified score/time, the athletes will earn the minimum guaranteed appearance fee payment and the remaining will not be paid out. If there are no qualified scores/times in the TCR Round, there will not be an event champion.

10.3.5. Each athlete is guaranteed the minimum appearance fee payment of \$500.00 if they do not record a qualified score/time in either the Showdown Round or the TCR Round.

10.3.6. TCR ROUND TIE BREAKS:

10.3.6.1. TIMED EVENTS:

- 10.3.6.1.1. Fastest time in Showdown Round
- 10.3.6.1.2. Highest placing aggregate position from Progressive Rounds
- 10.3.6.1.3. Fastest time in any Progressive Round
- 10.3.6.1.4. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment RCC24) (In Team Roping, the total combined Team points RCC24 Leaderboard will be used to determine a team's ranking.)

10.3.6.2. RIDING EVENTS:

- 10.3.6.2.1. Highest total combined score in Showdown Round
- 10.3.6.2.2. Any one official with the highest ride score in Showdown Round
- 10.3.6.2.3. Highest placing aggregate position from Progressive Rounds
- 10.3.6.2.4. Highest total combined score in any Progressive Rounds
- 10.3.6.2.5. Any one official with the highest ride score in the Progressive Rounds
- 10.3.6.2.6. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA RCC24 Leaderboard

10.4. PAYOUT: listed below in the Payout section of these ground rules

## 11. INSTANT REPLAY RULING CHALLENGE

11.1. INSTANT REPLAY RULING CHALLENGE (IRRC): Instant Replay will be in effect for all rounds of competition. The IRRC rules are included in the WCRA Rules of Competition available at [www.WCRArodeo.com](http://www.WCRArodeo.com) or at [RULES LINK](#).

## 12. RODEO CORPUS CHRISTI PAYOUTS

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

\*ALL non-US resident athletes must complete a W-8BEN tax form, 30% of any earnings due will be withheld.

### 12.1. WILD CARD ROUND PAYOUT:

12.1.1. WILD CARD ROUND (\$4,111.11 per discipline)

- 12.1.1.1. 1<sup>ST</sup> – \$2,500
- 12.1.1.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> – \$1,000
- 12.1.1.3. 3<sup>RD</sup> – \$611.11

### 12.2. PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS PAYOUT:

12.2.1. PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS per performance (\$8,500 per discipline)

- 12.2.1.1. 1<sup>ST</sup> – \$5,000
- 12.2.1.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> – \$2,500
- 12.2.1.3. 3<sup>RD</sup> – \$1,000

12.2.2. PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS AGGREGATE (\$12,000 per discipline)

- 12.2.2.1. 1<sup>ST</sup> – \$7,000
- 12.2.2.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> – \$3,500
- 12.2.2.3. 3<sup>RD</sup> – \$1,500

## 13. SHOWDOWN & TCR ROUNDS PAYOUT:

13.1. The Showdown & TCR Rounds combined payouts will consist of a total payout per the chart below in each discipline (\$27,500 per discipline - inclusive of the guaranteed appearance fee)

13.2. The Showdown & TCR Rounds combined payouts will pay the following in every discipline (except Barrel Racing):

- 13.2.1. 1<sup>ST</sup> – \$15,000 (paid in TCR Round)
- 13.2.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> – \$7,500 (paid in TCR Round)
- 13.2.3. 3<sup>RD</sup> – \$3,000 (paid in TCR Round)
- 13.2.4. 4<sup>TH</sup> – \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee - paid in Showdown Round)
- 13.2.5. 5<sup>TH</sup> – \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee - paid in Showdown Round)
- 13.2.6. 6<sup>TH</sup> – \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee - paid in Showdown Round)
- 13.2.7. 7<sup>TH</sup> – \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee - paid in Showdown Round)

13.3. The TCR Round of competition will pay the following for Barrel Racing:

- 13.3.1. 1<sup>ST</sup> – \$15,000
- 13.3.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> – \$7,500
- 13.3.3. 3<sup>RD</sup> – \$3,000
- 13.3.4. 4<sup>TH</sup> – \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee)
- 13.3.5. 5<sup>TH</sup> – \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee)
- 13.3.6. 6<sup>TH</sup> – \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee)
- 13.3.7. 7<sup>TH</sup> – \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee)

#### 14. GROUND MONEY

14.1. In the case of not having enough scores or times in an event discipline, there will be ground money.

14.2. 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.

14.3. If there are no qualified scores or times within a round of competition, no ground money will be paid out.

#### **UPDATED:**

**3/29/24 – added RRVRQ Bonus program rules**



## 2024 Program Rules

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The World Champions Rodeo Alliance, LLC (the “WCRA”) previously announced the Reliance Ranches VRQ Points Champion Bonus (the “VRQ Champion Program”) in 2022. The 2024 award program will pay out cash bonuses described below (the “Awards”) to individuals (“Athletes”) that finish in the top four (4) places of the Reliance Ranches VRQ Points Champion leaderboard based on the cumulative points earned across all eligible WCRA Segments in their respective discipline during the program year. The Award will be available to Athletes who voluntarily nominate their competitive rodeo efforts in their respective discipline through the Virtual Rodeo Qualifier (“VRQ”). The following are the official rules, terms, and conditions (these “Program Rules”) that govern the VRQ Champion Program. In addition to the Program Rules set forth below, an Athlete’s participation in the VRQ Champion Program will be subject to all other rules of the WCRA, including the competition rules applicable to all WCRA sponsored events and the any agreements between the Athlete (and his or her parent or legal guardian if the Athlete is a minor) and the WCRA. In addition, any use of our website or VRQ application (the “VRQ App”) is subject to the terms of use that can be found on our website at <https://app.wcrarodeo.com/terms-of-use> (“Terms of Use”) and privacy policy that can be found on our website at <https://app.wcrarodeo.com/privacy-policy> (“Privacy Policy”). A copy of any of the foregoing materials may be requested by emailing [info@wcra.com](mailto:info@wcra.com).

THESE PROGRAM RULES CONTAIN IMPORTANT DISCLAIMERS AND LEGAL INFORMATION. IN ADDITION, FAILURE TO ABIDE BY ANY OF THE PROGRAM RULES CONTAINED HEREIN WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. BY PARTICIPATING IN THE VRQ CHAMPION PROGRAM OR USING OUR WEBSITE OR THE VRQ APP, EACH ATHLETE AGREES TO COMPLY WITH AND BE BOUND BY THESE RULES AND THE FOREGOING MATERIALS. IF AN ATHLETE DOES NOT AGREE TO THESE PROGRAM RULES, THEN SUCH ATHLETE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VRQ CHAMPION PROGRAM.

IN NO EVENT SHALL WCRA OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ATHLETE’S FAILURE TO QUALIFY FOR AN AWARD. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT BY CHOOSING TO VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE IN THE VRQ CHAMPION PROGRAM OR VOLUNTARILY NOMINATE A DISCIPLINE, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE VRQ POINTS OR QUALIFY FOR OR RECEIVE AN AWARD. WCRA RETAINS SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ATHLETE QUALIFIES FOR OR RECEIVES AN AWARD. AWARDS ARE ISSUED AT WCRA’S SOLE DISCRETION AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE IS WCRA REQUIRED TO ISSUE AN AWARD.

### 2. BONUS PAYOUTS

The aggregate amount of the Awards eligible for payment during the VRQ Champion Program is \$405,000.00 annually. In no event will the WCRA be obligated to pay Awards in excess of \$405,000.00 in the aggregate during any annual period.

- Bonus Payout - \$45,000 per Discipline:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$25,000.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$10,000.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$7,500.00
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$2,500.00

The following disciplines will be eligible for an Award:

- Bareback Riding
- Saddle Bronc Riding
- Bull Riding

- Tie Down Roping
- Steer Wrestling
- Team Roping Header
- Team Roping Heeler
- Ladies Breakaway Roping
- Barrel Racing

Each Award will be awarded based on the total cumulative VRQ points earned in (i) the eligible WCRA or Women's Rodeo World Championship ("WRWC") segments; (ii) bonus Event World Points earned at WCRA and WRWC events; and (iii) Reliance Ranches VRQ Points Champion finale (WCRA Rodeo Carolina) scheduled to be held each October during the applicable time period below.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

Athletes are required to qualify for, enter and participate in a minimum of one (1) WCRA/WRWC major event to be eligible to earn an Award payout. **Athletes MUST participate in the Program Finale to earn an Award payout.**

To be eligible to earn VRQ points towards an Award, eligible Athletes must voluntarily nominate the events they participate in on the VRQ platform and pay the applicable VRQ nomination fee for each individual event nominated or participate in a WCRA major event to earn bonus event world points. **Athletes must have a minimum of 200 VRQ points from all combined eligible segments.**

Nominations must occur during the following time periods to be eligible for VRQ points towards the VRQ Champion Program:

- 2024 VRQ Champion Program: September 11, 2023 – September 8, 2024

Any event nomination that occurs outside of the above time periods will not count towards the current year's VRQ Champion Program, excluding "Event World Points" (see Section 6 below) and VRQ points earned at the segments identified below.

The following WCRA segments are included for Awards in the 2024 VRQ Champion Program:

- 2024 Stampede at the E (events nominated 9/11/23 through 12/3/23)
- 2024 Rodeo Corpus Christi (events nominated 10/2/23 through 4/7/24)
- 2024 Women's Rodeo World Championship (events nominated 4/17/23 through 4/14/24)
- 2025 Women's Rodeo World Championship (events nominated 4/15/24 through 9/8/24)
- 2024 Rodeo Carolina (events nominated 3/11/24 through 9/8/24)
  - Rodeo Carolina will be the finale (Program Finale) for the Reliance Ranches VRQ Champion bonus program.

WCRA segments for youth events for Athletes ages 13-19 ("DYouth") are not eligible for an Award.

**WCRA will discontinue the RRVRQ Bonus Program at the conclusion of the 2024 season.**

### 4. REGISTRATION

To participate in the VRQ Champion Program, an Athlete is required to register as a user in the VRQ. Athletes 13-17 years of age will be required to have a parent create their VRQ account. No membership dues or fees are required. Registration for VRQ can be found [here](#). Additionally, the following conditions also apply to an Athlete's registration for events that qualify for VRQ points:

- An Athlete must be a minimum of 13 years of age to register for a VRQ account.
- Athletes competing in bull riding must be a minimum of 18 years of age to earn VRQ points.
- Athletes competing in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and steer wrestling must be a minimum of 15 years of age to earn VRQ points and a minimum of 16 years of age to participate in any of these events that are operated by WCRA.

### 5. VRQ NOMINATION FEES AND STANDARD POINTS SCALE

The WCRA formula ranks rodeos/events using objective data to break the entire sport down into five divisions (i.e., D1 – D5). Total payout for an event is the greatest weighing factor that places each event into a division. If an Athlete

nominates a segment, the event must be an open event. DYouth events are not permitted for nomination toward the VRQ Champion Program.

WCRA VRQ NOMINATION FEES				
D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
*plus transaction & credit card fees				

WCRA VRQ Points - Paid Rounds					
Place	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
1	400.0	300.0	200.0	100.0	50.0
2	300.0	225.0	150.0	75.0	37.5
3	240.0	180.0	120.0	60.0	30.0
4	216.0	162.0	108.0	54.0	27.0
5	194.5	146.0	97.0	48.5	24.5
6	175.0	131.0	87.5	43.5	22.0
7	157.5	118.0	78.5	39.5	19.5
8	141.5	106.5	71.0	35.5	17.5
9	127.5	95.5	64.0	32.0	16.0
10	115.0	86.0	57.5	28.5	14.5

WCRA VRQ Points - Paid Finals & Aggregate					
Place	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
1	675.0	500.0	350.0	175.0	80.0
2	506.5	375.0	262.5	131.5	60.0
3	405.0	300.0	210.0	105.0	48.0
4	364.5	270.0	189.0	94.5	43.0
5	328.0	243.0	170.0	85.0	39.0
6	295.0	218.5	153.0	76.5	35.0
7	265.5	197.0	138.0	69.0	31.5
8	239.0	177.0	124.0	62.0	28.5
9	215.0	159.5	111.5	56.0	25.5
10	193.5	143.5	100.5	50.0	23.0

**6. BONUS EVENT WORLD POINTS APPLIED TOWARD THE RELIANCE RANCHES VRQ CHAMPION LEADERBOARD**

Bonus Event World Points – “regular season” events:

Bonus Event World Points will be available to Athletes that qualify, enter, and participate at the eligible program events as listed in the ground rules for each WCRA/WRWC event [and Athletes] will be automatically eligible to earn Event World Points without a nomination for any disciplines at the event.

Refer to Figure 1 for points scale when no VRQ nomination is made for “regular season” event/major event.

Figure.1.

Standard PTS	EVENT WORLD POINTS – “REGULAR SEASON” EVENTS					
	D1 Level		D1 Level		D1 Level	D1 Level
	Qualifying Rounds		Progressive or Semi-Finals Rounds			
Place	Rounds	Aggregate	Rounds	Aggregate	Showdown Round (if applicable)	Triple Crown of Rodeo Round
1	400.0	675.0	400.0	675.0	675.0	675.0
2	300.0	506.5	300.0	506.5	506.5	506.5
3	240.0	405.0	240.0	405.0	405.0	405.0
4	216.0	364.5	216.0	364.5	364.5	364.5
5	194.5	328.0	194.5	328.0	328.0	328.0
6	175.0	295.0	175.0	295.0	295.0	295.0
7	157.5	265.5	157.5	265.5	265.5	265.5

8	141.5	239.0	141.5	239.0	239.0	239.0
9	127.5	215.0	127.5	215.0	215.0	215.0
10	115.0	193.5	115.0	193.5	193.5	193.5

Athletes that nominate a WCRA major event towards any active “regular season” VRQ Segment(s) will receive Bonus Event World Points with a 2X multiplier. The 2X multiplier will be applied to the Reliance Ranch VRQ Bonus leaderboard for all eligible rounds/aggregates of competition to all applicable nominated segments.

Figure. 2.

EVENT WORLD POINTS – “REGULAR SEASON” EVENTS						
2X PTS	D1 Level		D1 Level		D1 Level	D1 Level
	Qualifying Rounds		Progressive or Semi-Finals Rounds		Showdown Round (if applicable)	Triple Crown of Rodeo Round
Place	Rounds	Aggregate	Rounds	Aggregate		
1	800.0	1350.0	800.0	1350.0	1350.0	1350.0
2	600.0	1013.0	600.0	1013.0	1013.0	1013.0
3	480.0	810.0	480.0	810.0	810.0	810.0
4	432.0	729.0	432.0	729.0	729.0	729.0
5	389.0	656.0	389.0	656.0	656.0	656.0
6	350.0	590.0	350.0	590.0	590.0	590.0
7	315.0	531.0	315.0	531.0	531.0	531.0
8	283.0	478.0	283.0	478.0	478.0	478.0
9	255.0	430.0	255.0	430.0	430.0	430.0
10	230.0	387.0	230.0	387.0	387.0	387.0

**Bonus Event World Points – Finale (WCRA RODEO CAROLINA):**

Elevated Bonus Event World Points (4X multiplier) will be available to Athletes that qualify, enter and participate at the WCRA Rodeo Carolina, in Mill Spring, NC tentatively scheduled for October 2-5, 2024 [and Athletes] will be automatically eligible to earn Event World Points without a nomination for any disciplines at the event. The Qualifying Rounds are not eligible for Event World Points at the Finale event.

EVENT WORLD POINTS – RRVQ FINALE			
4X PTS	D1		D1
	Progressive Rounds		Triple Crown of Rodeo Round
Place	Rounds	Aggregate	
1	1600.0	2700.0	2700.0
2	1200.0	2026.0	2026.0
3	960.0	1620.0	1620.0
4	864.0	1458.0	1458.0
5	778.0	1312.0	1312.0
6	700.0	1180.0	1180.0
7	630.0	1062.0	1062.0
8	566.0	956.0	956.0
9	510.0	860.0	860.0
10	460.0	774.0	774.0

Event World Points are bonus points applied to the cumulative Reliance Ranches VRQ Champion Leaderboard and are not VRQ leaderboard points toward qualification toward a specific WCRA segment. Athletes may voluntarily nominate the WCRA/WRWC events they participate in towards an open segment to earn standard VRQ points toward that segment.

The Event World Points above only apply to the 2024 VRQ Champion Bonus Program. WCRA reserves the right to modify the Event World Points values for the 2025 VRQ Champion Program following the conclusion of the 2024 WCRA Rodeo Carolina.

**Event World Points Tiebreakers:**

- Most World points earned from a combination of points from all available segments per the VRQ Champion Program Rules ([PROGRAM RULES](#)).
- Most World points earned at the WCRA Rodeo Carolina event
- Most prize money earned in the WCRA Rodeo Carolina event