



**CEAT TIRES presents  
WCRA RODEO CAROLINA DY SHOWCASE  
TRYON INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER - MILL SPRING, NC  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 @ 11:00AM  
GROUND RULES**

**1. Competition Format**

1.1. Up to eight (8) athletes from each discipline will compete from the DY24 Junior Leaderboard in one full round of competition.

**2. General Information:**

2.1. Up to eight (8) athletes in each discipline will compete at the WCRA RODEO CAROLINA DY SHOWCASE on Saturday, October 7, 2023 in Mill Spring, NC.

2.2. Entry Fee - \$300.00 per athlete, per discipline

2.2.1. Entry fee includes a complimentary DY1 nomination.

**3. Added Money - \$28,600 (\$2,600 per discipline)**

**3.1. Competition Order:**

3.1.1. Timed Events – reverse order of DY Junior Leaderboard standings

3.1.2. Barrel Racing and Pole Bending – Top of the DY Junior Leaderboard standings top of the ground

3.1.2.1. Drag, 1,3,5,7, Drag, 2,4,6,8

3.1.3. Riding Events – based on stock draw

3.2. Riding Events – WCRA Rules of Competition referring to Inferior Performance will not be applied as written. Rerides will be offered based overall herd performance at the discretion of the lead official.

3.3. Timed Event competition will start behind a rope barrier and will be timed by handheld plungers from the Venue Scoring System.

3.4. Times in the Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Goat Tying and Breakaway Roping will be recorded to the hundredths of seconds.

3.5. Times in the Barrel Race and Pole Bending will be recorded to the thousandths of seconds.

**3.6. Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Tractor Drag/Hand Rake**

3.6.1. Drag prior to start of discipline

3.6.2. Drag after 4

3.6.3. Hand rake after every run (Poles – end poles only)

3.7. Half points scoring will be used in all rough stock events.

3.8. In Team Roping, whenever referring to the WCRA DY Junior Leaderboard, it is based on the Team's combined Leaderboard points for the corresponding segment related to the current event.

3.9. 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.

- 3.10. 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.
- 3.11. 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.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF KEY DATES AND DEADLINES**

- 4.1. September 10, 2023 – Athletes have until September 10 at 11:59 p.m. to nominate and earn points
- 4.2. September 12, 2023 @ 2:00pm CT – Preliminary Segment DY24 Leaderboard Updated & Dispute Window Opens
- 4.3. September 13, 2023 @ 2:00pm CT – Segment DY24 Leaderboard Dispute Window Closes
- 4.4. September 14, 2023 @ 1:00pm CT –DY24 DY Showcase Leaderboards Final
- 4.5. September 15, 2023 @ 10:00am CT– DY Team Pairing Opens
- 4.6. September 18, 2023 @ 3:00pm CT – DY Team Pairing Closes
- 4.7. September 19, 2023 @12:00pm CT – DY Showcase Entries Open
- 4.8. September 21, 2023 @ 3:00pm CT – DY Showcase Entries Close
- 4.9. September 22, 2023 @ 12:00pm CT – Call backs

#### **5. Qualification notes....**

- 5.1. Eligible athletes qualify based on DY Junior (19U) Leaderboard Rank (Top 8) following the weekly leaderboard update on September 14, 2023
- 5.2. If an eligible athlete qualified via the DY24 Junior Leaderboard (Top 8) as of September 14, 2023 does not enter during the designated entry time period, they will be replaced by the next eligible alternate from the master event athlete list.
- 5.3. Athletes can qualify by voluntarily nominating any age restricted youth rodeo/event and earning points for the WCRA Junior Leaderboard positions using the VRQ (Virtual Rodeo Qualifier). Athletes can nominate their efforts now through September 10, 2023.
- 5.4. Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding and Steer Wrestling – athlete is eligible to nominate at the age of fifteen (15) years of age to eligible to qualify and participate in the event.
- 5.5. If a discipline does not have 8 entries based on the DY24 leaderboard standings, WCRA reserves the right to invite additional athletes to participate in the event.
- 5.6. If a discipline does not have a minimum of 5 athletes the discipline will not be held.
- 5.7. WCRA reserves the sole right to modify the entry fee and payout structure of a discipline as deemed necessary based on the lack of entries as an effort to include a discipline for the event production.

#### **6. Athlete Replacement Policy**

- 6.1. Any replacements for an open position in the event will be filled based on the WCRA DY24 Junior Leaderboard.
- 6.2. WCRA Competition Committee will determine when an athlete needs to be replaced and who the replacement athlete will be.
- 6.3. WCRA reserves the right to issue a replacement, at any time, to ensure a competitive field for competition.
- 6.4. If an athlete chooses not to compete for a “non- injury” related reason, they may be assessed a penalty for a notified turnout.
- 6.5. The penalty for a notified turnout after entries close and prior the turnout deadline is \$300.00 plus any applicable entry fees and/or stock charges associated with the entry. If a replacement competes in their place, the turnout penalty fee will be waived.

- 6.6. Turnout Deadline – 48 hours prior to the posted performance start time of the event.
- 6.7. If an entered athlete turns out after the deadline, but before 24 hours of the posted performance time and a replacement competes in their place, the additional fees will be waived above the \$300 penalty. If a replacement is not found, the athlete turning out will also be penalized 10% of their current DY24 leaderboard points
- 6.8. The penalty for a non-notified turnout is \$300.00 plus any applicable entry fees and/or stock charges associated with the entry. The athlete will also be penalized 25% of their current DY24 leaderboard points.
- 6.9. The athlete will forfeit any nomination fees paid for the event in the VRQ and cannot participate in the WCRA platform until all penalty fees are paid.
- 7. Timed Event Cattle Draw**
  - 7.1. The timed event cattle draw will occur a minimum of two (2) hours prior to performance start time
    - 7.1.1. All timed event splits must be declared one (1) hour before the event start time.
- 8. Rough Stock Draw**
  - 8.1.1. The stock will be drafted in order of the athlete's WCRA DY24 Junior Leaderboard ranking.
    - 8.1.1.1. Athletes must be present at 9:00am 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.
- 9. Team Roping Pairings**
  - 9.1. The eight (8) confirmed headers will choose their partners out of the eight (8) confirmed heelers.
  - 9.2. At the conclusion of the September 14, 2023 leaderboard update, all eligible Headers and 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.
    - 9.2.1.1. All headers/heelers to confirm their partner not later than September 18, 2023 @ 3:00pm CT
    - 9.2.1.2. Athletes are not allowed to have more than one (1) identical Header/Heeler pairing combination at any time during the event.
  - 9.3. Combined partner point totals after the pairing deadline will determine the team's competition placement.
  - 9.4. 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.
  - 9.5. In the event there is an uneven number of headers/heelers, any vacancies must first be filled with the eligible headers/heelers from the master athlete alternate list.
  - 9.6. Once all eligible headers/heelers have declared a partner and all alternates have been exhausted, the remaining headers/heelers without a partner will be allowed to choose a partner from the remaining field of entered athletes.
- 10.** Once all pairings are declared, competition placement for the event will be determined based on the combined point totals between each team.
- 11. INSTANT REPLAY RULING CHALLENGE:** Refer to Section 5 of the WCRA Rules of Competition document for official rules on instant replay.
- 12. Ground Money**
  - 12.1. The definition of ground money is unclaimed prize money that will be divided evenly between the athletes with qualified scores or times or within the respective rounds.
  - 12.2. In the case of not having enough scores or times in an event discipline, there will be ground money.
  - 12.3. If there are no qualified scores or times in a discipline, no ground money will be paid out.
  - 12.4. If there is one qualified score or time, that athlete will earn the ground money.
- 13. Event Payout:**

- 13.1. Payout will consist of a total prize money payout of \$5,000.00 in each discipline based on 8 athletes entered.
- 13.2. Payout:
  - 13.2.1. 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$2,000
  - 13.2.2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$1,500
  - 13.2.3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$1,000
  - 13.2.4. 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$500
- 13.3. Foreign federal tax withholding will be withheld from all gross winnings, at rate of 30% per US Federal Statutes, on all athletes that do not provide a complete IRS Form W-9.

**UPDATES:**

**9/26/23 – added Sections 5.5-5.7 – addresses options WCRA may employ due to a lack of entries in a discipline.**

**9/26/23 – Section 13.1 – updated to state listed payout based on 8 athletes entered.**