



**COWTOWN CHRISTMAS CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO  
GROUND RULES PAYOUTS, ADVANCEMENT AND TIE-BREAKERS  
FORT WORTH, TX – DECEMBER 15-18, 2021**

**KEY EVENT DETAILS**

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

- ARENA:
  - PERFORMANCES – Cowtown Coliseum, 121 E. Exchange Ave, Ft. Worth, TX 76164
- PERFORMANCES:
  - FOUR (4):
    - Qualifying Round - December 15-17 @ 7:30 PM
    - Showdown Round & Triple Crown of Rodeo (TCR) Round - December 18 @ 7:30 PM
- TOTAL PAYOUT - \$360,000.00 (\$40,000 per discipline)
  - QUALIFYING ROUND (\$4,000 per discipline/performance)
    - 1<sup>ST</sup> – \$1,600
    - 2<sup>ND</sup> – \$1,200
    - 3<sup>RD</sup> – \$800
    - 4<sup>TH</sup> – \$400
  - SHOWDOWN ROUND (per discipline)
    - 1<sup>ST</sup> – (paid in TCR Rd)
    - 2<sup>ND</sup> – (paid in TCR Rd)
    - 3<sup>RD</sup> – (paid in TCR Rd)
    - 4<sup>TH</sup> – \$1,500 (guaranteed appearance fee)
    - 5<sup>TH</sup> – \$1,500 (guaranteed appearance fee)
    - 6<sup>TH</sup> – \$1,500 (guaranteed appearance fee)
    - 7<sup>TH</sup> – \$1,500 (guaranteed appearance fee)
  - TRIPLE CROWN OF RODEO ROUND (per disciplines)
    - 1<sup>ST</sup> – \$12,500
    - 2<sup>ND</sup> – \$6,750
    - 3<sup>RD</sup> – \$2,750 (guaranteed appearance fee)
- WCRA NOMINATIONS: athletes are eligible to nominate their competitive efforts toward the WCRA Virtual Rodeo Qualifier (VRQ) for Segment FW21 Leaderboards until November 28, 2021 at 11:59pm CT.
- ELIGIBLE ATHLETES:
  - Athletes are required to have a minimum fifteen (15) of VRQ points on the WCRA FW21 in a discipline to be eligible to enter CCCR. Athletes without the minimum VRQ points will be eligible to enter as an alternate but are not guaranteed to compete and may be subject to penalty fees.
  - All Disciplines: up to Top 24 from WCRA Segment FW21 Leaderboard
    - Leaderboard #1 Athlete in Segment FW21 will be seeded in Showdown Round and is eligible, but not required, to participate in the Qualifying Round for payout. The #1 athlete in each discipline will be required to notify [eventsecretary@wcrarodeo.com](mailto:eventsecretary@wcrarodeo.com) at the time of entry to declare whether or not they will be competing in the Qualifying Rounds.
- ENTRY FEES:
  - Complimentary entry fees for all eligible athletes
- TRADES – Trades Open–December 10 @ 12:00pm CT // Trades Close–December 14 @ 12:00pm CT
  - All confirmed trades will be final and will be processed immediately after both involved parties have confirmed through WCRA or the Rodeo Secretary
- HORSE STALLS available via OpenStalls.com – stalls will be at Will Rogers Memorial Center Moncrief Building – Stall reservations will open on Tue, Dec 7 at 12pm CT and close on Fri, Dec 10 at 4:00pm CT.
- EVENT FORMAT:
  - All Disciplines: Three (3) round progressive tournament format with eligible athletes advancing to subsequent rounds
    - Qualifying Round – 24 athletes/teams
    - Showdown Round – 7 athletes/teams
    - Triple Crown of Rodeo Round – 3 athletes/teams
  - Advancement to subsequent rounds based on competition per official ground rules



## **COWTOWN CHRISTMAS CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO – QUALIFYING ROUNDS GROUND RULES PAYOUTS, ADVANCEMENT AND TIE-BREAKERS CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – MAY 3-9, 2021**

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

- 1.1. June 28, 2021 – WCRA Segment FW21 Nominations Opened
- 1.2. November 28, 2021 @ 11:59pm CT – WCRA Segment FW21 Nominations Close
- 1.3. November 30, 2021 @ 2pm CT – Preliminary WCRA Leaderboard Update
  - 1.3.1. All WCRA athletes have from Tuesday, November 30 at 2pm CT – Wednesday, December 1 at 2pm CT to email [support@wcrarodeo.com](mailto:support@wcrarodeo.com) to declare a dispute in the results. After this deadline, all points on the WCRA Segment FW21 Leaderboard are final.
- 1.4. December 2, 2021 @ 1pm CT – WCRA Segment FW21 Leaderboard Final
- 1.5. December 3, 2021 @ 10am CT – Team Roping Pairing Opens
- 1.6. December 6, 2021 @ 5pm CT – Team Roping Pairing Closes
- 1.7. December 7, 2021 @ Noon CT – Segment FW21 Entries Open
- 1.8. December 9, 2021 @ 5:00pm CT – Segment FW21 Entries Close
- 1.9. December 10, 2021 @ Noon CT – Call backs go out
- 1.10. December 10, 2021 @ Noon CT – Trade Period Opens

### **2. COWTOWN CHRISTMAS CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO - ATHLETE PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1. At the close of WCRA Segment FW21 (FW21) on November 28, 2021 at 11:59:59pm the top ranked eligible athletes available in each discipline of the final audited WCRA FW21 Leaderboard as of December 2, 2021, per the totals listed below in these ground rules and who enter the event will be eligible to participate in Cowtown Christmas Championship Rodeo (CCCR).
  - 2.1.1. Disciplines: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding and Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping-Header, Team Roping-Heeler, Breakaway Roping and Barrel Racing – up to 24 athletes per discipline
    - 2.1.1.1. Bull Riding athletes must be a current member, and in good standing, of Professional Bull Riders, Inc. (PBR).
      - 2.1.1.1.1. 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).
      - 2.1.1.1.2. PBR Velocity Tour level points are applied to the athletes per PBR protocols.
    - 2.1.1.2. All references to a Team Roping Leaderboard position will be based on the combined team's point total.
  - 2.1.2. All athletes eligible to enter CCCR via the WCRA FW21 Leaderboard will be notified by WCRA via email and text with event entry details.
  - 2.1.3. Athletes on the FW21 Leaderboard must have a minimum of fifteen (15) VRQ points in a discipline to be eligible to enter CCCR.
    - 2.1.3.1. Athletes on the FW21 Leaderboard that have not earned the minimum amount of 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 Rule 2.2 and Rule 2.3.1 of these ground rules.
- 2.2. A master event athlete list of eligible athletes will be created based on their position on the WCRA Segment FW21 Leaderboard following the final points audit on December 2, 2021. 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 FW21 Leaderboard position.
- 2.3. In the case that a discipline does not meet the minimum number of eligible athletes on the FW21 Leaderboard at the close of the nomination window, the number of athletes eligible to enter CCCR will be based on the following chart. In the event this rule is applied, the details of how it will be applied are listed in the attached addendum to these ground rules.

#### Total Entries Per Discipline

Leaderboard	Entries	Qualifying Round Format
21-24	up to 24	1 round
14-20	up to 16	2 rounds
13 or less	up to 8	3 rounds

2.3.1. If the CCCR Competition Committee adds an athlete, as an alternate or for any other reason, to the CCCR athlete roster that has not participated in the WCRA Segment FW21 or earned the required minimum number of VRQ points during Segment FW21, he or she must nominate the 2021 CCCR event and may be subject to an additional \$300 fee.

2.4. Athletes must have a recorded qualified score/time in the WCRA Qualifying Round to be eligible to advance to the CCCR Showdown Round

### 3. GENERAL GROUND RULES

3.1. Rules of Competition are contained in a separate document available on the WCRARodeo.com events page or by contacting [support@wcrarodeo.com](mailto:support@wcrarodeo.com)

3.2. The Cowtown Christmas Championship Rodeo (CCCR) is open to:

3.2.1. Timed Events: all athletes over the age of thirteen (13) years of age at the time of entry.

3.2.1.1. Breakaway Roping is limited to biological female athletes only.

3.2.2. Riding Events – all athletes over the age of eighteen (18) at the time of competition.

3.3. CCCR 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

3.4. Competition Schedule:

3.4.1. CCCR WCRA Qualifying Round – December 15-17, 2021

3.4.2. CCCR WCRA Major (Showdown Round and Triple Crown of Rodeo Round) – December 18, 2021

3.5. Only actual contestant and one companion allowed gate access for ticketed rodeo performances on the day(s) the athlete is scheduled to participate.

3.6. CCCR 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.

3.6.1. No rule changes will be made within a round of competition.

3.7. Athlete Check In:

3.7.1. All athletes must check-in at the rodeo secretary office to complete and sign a release of liability before competing.

3.7.2. ALL ATHLETES WITH HORSES – Must check-in with the rodeo secretary and present all current required Texas Animal Health Commission documents

3.8. PERFORMANCE PARKING – Athlete parking is located in the dirt parking lot west of the Stockyards wooden pens. The lot can be accessed from Stockyards Blvd.

3.9. COVID and General Health Welfare Compliance:

3.9.1. The safety of CCCR athletes, production crew, event staff, venue staff, exhibitors, spectators and everyone in the execution of this event is CCCR staff's top priority.

3.9.2. CCCR 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. DEFINITION: For avoidance of doubt and clarification as it applies to the CCCR WCRA Major payout, the following defines the difference between an Event Champion and an Event Winner.

3.10.1. 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

3.10.2. 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.

3.11. Splits:

3.11.1. All timed event splits must be declared one (1) hour before the event start time.

3.12. Turn Outs and Non-Entries:

- 3.12.1. If an eligible athlete qualified via the FW21 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.
- 3.12.2. If an eligible athlete qualified via the FW21 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.
- 3.12.3. If an eligible athlete qualified via the FW21 Leaderboard turns out of the event after entries close, their position will be filled by the next eligible alternate.
  - 3.12.3.1. The penalty for a notified turnout is \$500.00 or forfeiture of all entry fees, whichever is greater.
  - 3.12.3.2. 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. The athlete cannot participate in the WCRA platform until the penalty fee is paid.
    - 3.12.3.2.1. The athlete will not be allowed to earn a competition position at the event in the same discipline via alternate qualifying methods, inclusive of entry in the OPEN.
- 3.12.4. Any athlete that turns out and is not replaced within the designated time period or is a non-notified turnout, the athlete will not be eligible 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.
  - 3.12.4.1. The ineligible period will be determined by the WCRA Competition Committee and an event Promoter Representative.
- 3.12.5. 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.
- 3.12.6. 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.
- 3.12.7. 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.
- 3.12.8. 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.
- 3.12.9. Other: CCCR 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.

#### **4. Athlete Replacement Policy**

- 4.1. If the #1 Leaderboard Athlete in a discipline chooses not to participate in the Qualifying Rounds, the vacated position will be filled by the next eligible athlete/team from the alternate list.
- 4.2. Any replacements for an open/vacated position in the Showdown Round of the event will be filled by the next eligible athlete/team from the WCRA Qualifying Round standings of the performance the vacated position originally came from, if available.
  - 4.2.1. 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.
- 4.3. WCRA Competition Committee will determine when an athlete/team needs to be replaced and who the replacement athlete/team will be.
- 4.4. WCRA reserves the right to issue a replacement, at any time, to ensure a competitive field for competition.
  - 4.4.1. Honest Effort - If an athlete does not put forward an honest effort, the WCRA Competition Committee may take action which may include disqualification from the event.
- 4.5. If an athlete chooses not to participate for a "non- injury" related reason in the Showdown Round, they will be assessed a penalty for a notified turnout in the amount of \$1,500.00. The penalty for a notified turnout after the turnout deadline or a non-notified turnout is \$1,500.00 plus any applicable entry fees and/or stock charges associated with the entry. The athlete will forfeit any and/or all nomination fees paid in the VRQ and cannot participate in the WCRA platform until the penalty fee is paid.
  - 4.5.1. Turnout Deadline – 24 hours prior to the posted performance start time of the event.



- 4.5.2.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 \$1,500 penalty.
- 4.6. In the event an athlete is injured in Showdown Round and unable to participate in the TCR Round, the next highest score or fastest time will advance.
- 4.6.1.The injured athlete will receive the fourth-place payout for the event. The advancing athlete that replaces the injured athlete in the TCR Round will receive the payout based on their performance in the TCR Round.
- 4.6.2.In the team roping, if a partner is injured in Showdown Round and unable to complete in the TCR Round, the next athlete in that respective discipline will then advance and replace the injured athlete in the TCR Round.
- 4.7. Trades
- 4.7.1.The CCCR FW21 event format will allow competition position trades in the WCRA Qualifying Round only.
- 4.7.1.1. Trading window will open on Friday, December 10, 2021 @ 12:00pm CT. All trades must be submitted to WCRA at [eventsecretary@wcrarodeo.com](mailto:eventsecretary@wcrarodeo.com). All athletes involved in a trade must submit the trade request for the trade to be approved.
- 4.7.1.2. Trading window closes at 12:00pm CT on Tuesday, December 14, 2021
- 4.7.2.Athletes are allowed a maximum of two trades.
- 4.7.3.It the athlete's responsibility to verify an approved trade and be ready to participate in the performance they are scheduled for. If an athlete does not participate in their scheduled performance, they will be listed as a Non-Notified Turn Out and will be subject to the rules in Section 3.12 of these ground rules.
- 4.8. Timing & Scoring
- 4.8.1.Timed Event competition will start behind a rope barrier and will be timed by handheld plungers from the PBR Scoring System.
- 4.8.1.1. Times in the Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, and Breakaway Roping will be recorded to the hundredths of a second.
- 4.8.2.Barrel Racing times will be recorded to the thousandths of a second by electronic eyes. Dual timer eyes will be used. One set of timer eyes will be the primary recorded time. The secondary timer eyes will be the first back up time used.
- 4.8.3.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:
- 4.8.3.1.1. Team Roping and Breakaway Roping – the tenths of a second.
- 4.8.3.1.2. Barrel Racing – the hundredths of a second.
- 4.8.4.Riding Event disciplines will be scored in half points for both athlete and stock
- 4.9. Stock Draw
- 4.9.1.Timed Events:
- 4.9.1.1. Stock will be drawn at least two hours prior to the start of the competition each performance.
- 4.9.1.2. The stock will be drawn in order of the athlete's WCRA FW21 Leaderboard ranking per performance
- 4.9.1.2.1. Showdown Round stock will be from the fastest runs from the combined Qualifying Rounds.
- 4.9.1.2.2. TCR Round stock will be from the top three (3) fastest runs in the Showdown Round. The fourth fastest run from the Showdown round will be the extra in the TCR Round.
- 4.9.1.2.2.1. If not enough qualified times, the combined Qualifying Rounds times will be used.
- 4.9.1.2.3. TCR Round stock will be drafted immediately following the discipline conclusion in the Showdown Round at the rodeo secretary office
- 4.9.1.3. 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
- 4.9.1.4. CCCR Competition Committee reserves the right select the appropriate stock from the competition herd to be used in the Showdown Round and/or Triple Crown Round. Selection of this stock may or may not be based on previous competition times within a discipline. CCCR Competition Committee will consult with athletes in each discipline to set these herds.
- 4.9.1.5. Misdraw procedure will be determined by the event officials.
- 4.9.2.Riding Events:
- 4.9.2.1. The stock will be drafted in order of the athlete's WCRA Leaderboard qualification per performance.
- 4.9.2.1.1. Athletes must be present at 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.
- 4.9.2.1.1.1. TCR Round stock will be drafted immediately following the discipline conclusion in the Showdown Round at the rodeo secretary office

4.9.2.2. Livestock will be designated to each performance.

## **5. BARREL RACING GENERAL RULES**

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

#### **5.1.1. All competition rounds**

5.1.1.1. Drag after 4

5.1.1.2. Hand rake after every run

## **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 the Rodeo Logistics entry tool – EntryTool.com.

6.3. Headers/Heelers competing in the WCRA Qualifying Rounds

6.3.1. 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.

6.3.2. 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.

6.3.2.1. 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 FW21 Leaderboard as of December 2<sup>nd</sup> will determine eligibility to participate into the CCCR.

6.4.1.1. Segment FW21 Leaderboard – up to the top 24 Headers and up to the top 24 Heelers will be eligible to participate in Cowtown Christmas Championship Rodeo.

6.4.1.1.1. Combined partner point totals after the pairing deadline will determine the team's competition placement in the Qualifying Rounds.

6.4.1.1.2. The #1 team based on combined leaderboard points will be seeded into the CCCR Showdown Round.

6.4.1.1.3. The #1-24 teams based on combined leaderboard positions will qualify to participate in the WCRA Qualifying 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 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.

6.4.2.1. A deadline will be set for those headers/heelers 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. All entered teams will be eligible to participate in the WCRA Qualifying Round with the competition order in reverse order of the Combined Points Leaderboard in each performance.

6.4.3.2. The #1 Leaderboard position (based on combined points) are seeded into the Showdown Round of competition and are not required, but are eligible, to participate in the Qualifying Round.

6.5. Any heeler 55 years of age or older in addition to any female may tie on hard and fast.

## **7. CCCR COMPETITION PROGRESSION**

### **7.1. WCRA Qualifying Round Format**

7.1.1. At the close of WCRA Segment FW21 (FW21) on November 28, 2021 at 11:59:59pm CT the top ranked eligible athletes available in each discipline, of the WCRA FW21 Leaderboard, who enter will be eligible to participate in the WCRA Qualifying Round of CCCR.

7.1.1.1. All eligible athletes that enter CCCR in the Event will participate in the WCRA Qualifying Round as described in these ground rules for an opportunity to participate in the CCCR WCRA Major.

7.1.2. All athletes eligible to enter CCCR will be notified by WCRA via email and text with event entry details.

7.1.3. A master event athlete list of eligible athletes will be created based on their WCRA Segment FW21 Leaderboard position. Competition positions will be filled up to the number of available positions in each discipline as listed in 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 Leaderboard position.

7.1.4. WCRA FW21 Leaderboard Qualification Benefits:

- 7.1.4.1.1. WCRA FW21 Leaderboard #1 athlete/team will be seeded to CCCR Showdown Round and is eligible to participate in the Qualifying Round for prize money payout without jeopardizing their seeded position.

8. **WCRA NOMINATION AND OPEN ENTRY DATES/FEEES:**

8.1. All CCCR entries will be through the Rodeo Logistics entry application – EntryTool.com.

8.2. WCRA Segment FW21 Nominations

8.2.1. Open – Monday, June 28, 2021

8.2.2. Close – Sunday, November 28, 2021, at 11:59pm CT

8.3. CCCR Entries

8.3.1. Entries Open – December 7, 2021, at 12:00pm CT

8.3.2. Entries Close – December 9, 2021, at 5:00pm CT

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

8.3.4. Entry Fee – complimentary entry for all eligible WCRA FW21 Leaderboard positions

8.3.4.1. Priority preferences will be based on the WCRA FW21 Leaderboard rankings

8.3.4.2. Athletes will be allowed the following entry preference options:

8.3.4.2.1. First performance preference

8.3.4.2.2. Second performance preference

**COMPETITION FORMAT, ADVANCEMENT & TIE-BREAKERS**

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

9. **ALL DISCIPLINES:**

9.1. COMPETITION LOCATION: Cowtown Coliseum, 121 E. Exchange Ave, Ft. Worth, TX 76164

**9.2. QUALIFYING ROUND**

9.2.1. CONSISTS OF:

9.2.1.1. One (1) full round of competition across three (3) performances

9.2.1.2. Up to 24 athletes/teams

9.2.1.2.1. Up to 8 athletes/teams per performance

9.2.1.3. Competition Order

9.2.1.3.1. Timed Events – Reverse order of the WCRA FW21 Leaderboard in each performance

9.2.1.3.2. Barrel Racing – In order of the WCRA FW21 Leaderboard in each performance

9.2.1.3.3. Riding Events – Random order, based on stock draft

9.2.2. ADVANCEMENT TO SHOWDOWN ROUND:

9.2.2.1. Seven (7) athletes (including the #1 ranked athlete/team from the FW21 leaderboard) in each discipline will advance to the WCRA Major

9.2.2.1.1. #1 Athlete/Team from WCRA FW21 Leaderboard seeded to the Showdown Round

9.2.2.1.2. Athletes/Teams with the top two (2) scores/times from the 1<sup>st</sup> performance

9.2.2.1.3. Athletes/Teams with the top two (2) scores/times from the 2<sup>nd</sup> performance

9.2.2.1.4. Athletes/Teams with the top two (2) scores/times from the 3<sup>rd</sup> performance

9.2.2.2. If a seeded athlete from the WCRA FW21 Leaderboard (#1) places in an advancement position the advancement position will be vacated and the next eligible athlete/team from the performance with the vacated position will advance to the WCRA Showdown Round.

9.2.2.3. TIE-BREAKERS:

9.2.2.3.1. Timed Events:

9.2.2.3.1.1. Highest ranked athlete/team on the WCRA FW21 Leaderboard

9.2.2.3.2. Riding Events:

9.2.2.3.2.1. The highest combined ride score in Qualifying Round

9.2.2.3.2.2. Any one official with the highest ride score in Qualifying Round

9.2.2.3.2.3. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment FW21)

**9.3. SHOWDOWN ROUND FORMAT:**

9.3.1. CONSISTS OF:

9.3.1.1. One (1) full round of competition

9.3.1.1.1. No scores/times advance from previous round except for use in tie-breakers

9.3.1.2. Up to 7 athletes/teams

9.3.1.3. Competition Order

9.3.1.3.1. Timed Events:

9.3.1.3.1.1. 6<sup>th</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances

9.3.1.3.1.2. 5<sup>th</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances

- 9.3.1.3.1.3. 4<sup>th</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
  - 9.3.1.3.1.4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
  - 9.3.1.3.1.5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
  - 9.3.1.3.1.6. Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
  - 9.3.1.3.1.7. RCC22 Leaderboard #1
  - 9.3.1.3.2. Barrel Racing:
    - 9.3.1.3.2.1. RCC22 Leaderboard #1
    - 9.3.1.3.2.2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
    - 9.3.1.3.2.3. 4<sup>th</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
    - 9.3.1.3.2.4. 6<sup>th</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
    - 9.3.1.3.2.5. ---DRAG---
    - 9.3.1.3.2.6. Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
    - 9.3.1.3.2.7. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
    - 9.3.1.3.2.8. 5<sup>th</sup> Fastest Time from Qualifying Round Performances
  - 9.3.1.3.3. Riding Events – Random order, based on stock draft
  - 9.3.2. ADVANCEMENT FROM SHOWDOWN ROUND TO TCR ROUND
    - 9.3.2.1. The three (3) highest scores in Riding Events or fastest times in Timed Events will advance to the TCR Round.
      - 9.3.2.1.1. In the event an athlete is injured in Showdown Round and unable to participate in the TCR Round, the next highest score or fastest time will advance.
      - 9.3.2.1.2. 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 will then advance and replace the injured athlete in the TCR Round.
        - 9.3.2.1.2.1. Riding Events - If there is only one (1) or no qualified scores/times in Showdown Round, athlete(s) will advance on longest ride time to fill any positions not filled with qualified scores.
          - 9.3.2.1.2.1.1. If longest ride times are tied, the highest ranked athlete(s) on the WCRA FW21 Leaderboard will advance.
      - 9.3.2.1.3. In the timed events, if there are only one (1) or no qualified times in Showdown Round, the athlete(s) with the fastest time from the Qualifying Round, of the respective discipline only, will advance to the TCR Round.
        - 9.3.2.1.3.1.1. If still tied the highest ranked athlete(s) on the WCRA FW21 Leaderboard will advance. (In Team Roping, the combined total Team points from FW21 Leaderboard will be used to determine a team's ranking.)
    - 9.3.2.2. **Showdown Round Advancement TIE-BREAKS between qualified times in Timed Events:**
      - 9.3.2.2.1. The athlete/team with the Fastest Time from the CCCR Qualifying Rounds
      - 9.3.2.2.2. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment FW21) (In Team Roping, the combined total Team points FW21 Leaderboard will be used to determine a team's ranking.)
    - 9.3.2.3. **Showdown Round Advancement TIE-BREAKS between qualified scores in Riding Events:**
      - 9.3.2.3.1. The highest combined ride score in Showdown Round
      - 9.3.2.3.2. Any one official with the highest ride score in Showdown Round
      - 9.3.2.3.3. The highest combined ride score in Qualifying Round
      - 9.3.2.3.4. Any one official with the highest ride score in Qualifying Round
      - 9.3.2.3.5. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment FW21)
  - 9.3.3. Showdown Round will consist of a total prize money payout of \$6,000.00 in each discipline (inclusive of the guaranteed appearance fee). The payout table is listed in the Payout section below.
  - 9.3.4. In the event there are less athletes in a discipline per the totals in Section 3.1 of these ground rules, the remaining prize money value will be split evenly between all athletes that participated and earn a qualified score/time in the round of competition.
- 9.4. TCR ROUND FORMAT:
  - 9.4.1. CONSISTS OF:
    - 9.4.1.1. One (1) full round of competition
      - 9.4.1.1.1. No scores/times advance from previous rounds except for use in tie-breakers
    - 9.4.1.2. Up to 3 athletes/teams
    - 9.4.1.3. Competition Order – in reverse order of qualification



- 9.4.1.3.1. Barrel Racing – in order of qualification
- 9.4.2. The TCR Round will consist of a total prize money payout of \$22,000 in each discipline (inclusive of guaranteed appearance fee). The payout table is listed in the Payout section below.
- 9.4.3. All athletes competing in the TCR Round are guaranteed a minimum payment of \$2,750 each, however they must make a qualified score/time in Showdown Round to earn the \$2,750. If there are no qualified scores/times in the TCR Round, there will not be an event champion.
- 9.4.4. If, in the TCR Round, no athletes make a qualified score/time, the athletes will earn the minimum payment and the remaining will not be paid out.
- 9.4.5. Each athlete is guaranteed a minimum of \$1,500.00 if they do not record a qualified score/time in either the Showdown Round or the TCR Round.
- 9.4.6. TCR ROUND TIE BREAKS:
  - 9.4.6.1. TIMED EVENTS:
    - 9.4.6.1.1. Fastest time in Showdown Round
    - 9.4.6.1.2. Fastest time in Qualifying Round
    - 9.4.6.1.3. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment FW21) (In Team Roping, the total combined Team points FW21 Leaderboard will be used to determine a team's ranking.)
  - 9.4.6.2. RIDING EVENTS:
    - 9.4.6.2.1. Highest total combined score from Showdown Round
    - 9.4.6.2.2. The highest combined *ride* score in the TCR Round
    - 9.4.6.2.3. Any one official with the highest *ride* score in the TCR Round
    - 9.4.6.2.4. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment FW21)
- 9.5. PAYOUT: listed below in the Payout section of these ground rules

## 10. INSTANT REPLAY RULING CHALLENGE

- 10.1. 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.
  - 10.1.1. Instant replay is a useful device to allow Judges to view a ride/run from several different angles and with slow motion. Where available, super slow motion may also be a useful tool.
  - 10.1.2. WCRA will designate a Lead Judge as an Instant Replay Judge.
  - 10.1.3. The athlete, any competition official or a WCRA Competition Committee member may call for an IRRC after a ruling is made.
    - 10.1.3.1. In the Bull Riding discipline, per PBR Rules - Other Contestants may instigate an IRRC on rides of others also, by sounding the horn within the 30 second time limit after the completion of a ride. A Contestant sounding the horn must immediately make it known that he is the one requesting an IRRC on another Contestant by waving his arms and pointing to himself. If that is not done, or if it is not clear who requested the IRRC, no IRRC will be effectuated as determined by any Judge.
    - 10.1.3.2. If a Contestant calls for an Instant Replay Ruling Challenge (IRRC) for his/her own ride/run, and if the Instant Replay Judge upholds the original ruling, that Contestant will be charged \$500 for calling for the IRRC.
    - 10.1.3.3. Reviewable calls or actions available to athletes are listed with these Competition Rules and may include variations in the event specific Ground Rules under each discipline.
    - 10.1.3.4. Certain reviewable calls or actions are predicated by the athlete declaring themselves at the time of the alleged action. The definition of declaring is the athlete immediately notifies the competition officials and ceases their competition run. If an athlete notifies the official of a declaration but continues to make their competition ride/run, the declaration will be voided.
  - 10.1.4. An athlete may call for an IRRC on their own ride/run only immediately after their ride/run, but not after they leave the arena. They may do so by throwing an IRRC flag, to be located at both athlete out-gates, timed event chutes or perhaps elsewhere. The athlete 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 an athlete is injured and is reasonably unable to get to the IRRC flag in time, the athlete may signal a judge for an IRRC by a motion. If there is no flag at an event, it shall be the athlete's sole responsibility to alert the judges with the appropriate motion and confirmation for an IRRC.
  - 10.1.5. Other athletes may instigate an IRRC on rides/runs of others also, by throwing the flag within the 30 second time limit after the completion of a ride/run. An athlete that throws the flag must immediately make it known that they are the one requesting an IRRC on another athlete by identifying their self to the competition officials. If that is not done, or if it is not clear who requested the IRRC, no IRRC will be effectuated as determined by any Judge.

10.2. If it is deemed that an athlete has called for an IRRC for their own ride/run, or that of another athlete, is a flagrant misuse of the IRRC, and the Instant Replay Judge upholds the original ruling, that athlete will be charged \$500 for calling for the IRRC.

10.3. Additional Bull Riding discipline IRRC rules per the PBR rulebook

10.3.1. TOUCHING BULL, EQUIPMENT OR PERSON WITH FREE HAND AND OR ARM AND OR EXTENSION: Touching bull, equipment, or person with free hand, and/or arm, and/or extension will be automatically reviewed. When reviewing a disqualification for touching the bull, if the replay judge cannot find conclusive evidence that the athlete touched the bull using all available angles, the athlete will not be disqualified for touching the bull.

10.3.2. Scores are not subject to an IRRC. Only challenges pertaining to reaching 8 seconds (or not), disqualifications (or not) pertaining to slapping or touching the bull with free hand or arm, fouls, or catching spurs in bull rope or knots are matters that are subject to an IRRC. The Field Judge that is the official start time may ask for a review of the start time of the ride if he feels there was an error, in which case the Replay Judge would need to time the ride in real time with a handheld stopwatch. This is the only time where a start time can be reviewed.

10.3.3. If an athlete is disqualified for excessive time in the chute, but the chute was opened and the athlete completed an 8 second ride, that ride shall be subject to automatic video review.

## 11. COWTOWN CHRISTMAS CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO 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.

### 11.1. PROGRESSIVE ROUND PAYOUT:

11.1.1. QUALIFYING ROUND (\$4,000 per discipline/performance)

11.1.1.1. 1<sup>ST</sup> – \$1,600

11.1.1.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> – \$1,200

11.1.1.3. 3<sup>RD</sup> – \$800

11.1.1.4. 4<sup>TH</sup> – \$400

### 12. SHOWDOWN ROUND PAYOUT:

12.1. Showdown Round will consist of a total payout per the chart below in each discipline (inclusive of the guaranteed appearance fee).

12.2. All athletes in Showdown Round are guaranteed a minimum payment of \$1,500.00 each.

12.3. Definition of Guaranteed Appearance Fee: In select rounds of competition, the prize money payout may include Guaranteed Appearance Fee payout for athletes. The Guaranteed Appearance Fee prize money is paid to eligible athletes regardless of the result of their competitive efforts per the event ground rules.

12.4. In the event there are less athletes in a discipline per the totals in Section 3.2 of these ground rules, the remaining prize money value will be split evenly between all athletes that participated and earn a qualified score/time in the first round of competition. Any athletes that do not record a qualified score/time will be compensated the minimum payout of \$1,500.00.

12.5. If there is Ground Money left in Showdown Round due to lack of qualified scores/times, all athletes that did not make a qualified score/time will earn the minimum payment and the remaining Ground Money will either be paid to those that made a qualified score/time or will move forward to the Triple Crown of Rodeo Round.

12.6. Showdown Round of competition will pay the following (per discipline)

12.6.1. 1<sup>ST</sup> – (paid in TCR Rd)

12.6.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> – (paid in TCR Rd)

12.6.3. 3<sup>RD</sup> – (paid in TCR Rd)

12.6.4. 4<sup>TH</sup> – \$1,500 (guaranteed appearance fee)

12.6.5. 5<sup>TH</sup> – \$1,500 (guaranteed appearance fee)

12.6.6. 6<sup>TH</sup> – \$1,500 (guaranteed appearance fee)

12.6.7. 7<sup>TH</sup> – \$1,500 (guaranteed appearance fee)

### 13. TCR ROUND PAYOUT:

13.1. The TCR Round will consist of a total payout per the chart below in each discipline (inclusive of the guaranteed appearance fee).

13.2. Athletes competing in the TCR Round are guaranteed a minimum payment of \$2,750.00 each if they record a qualified score/time in Showdown Round.

13.2.1. If an athlete advances to the TCR Round without a qualified score/time, and they do not record a

qualified score/time in the TCR Round, they will earn the minimum guaranteed appearance fee of \$1,500.00.

13.2.2. If no athletes in the TCR Round makes a qualified score/time, the athletes will each earn the minimum guaranteed appearance fee of \$1,500.00 if no qualified score/time in either round or \$2,750 if athlete had a qualified score/time in Showdown Round, and the remaining Ground Money will not be paid out.

13.3. If one (1) athlete in the TCR Round records a qualified score/time, but the other two athletes do not, the Event Champion will earn \$16,500.00 and the other athletes will earn the minimum payment.

13.3.1. If the athlete did not have a qualified score/time in either round the minimum payment will be the guaranteed appearance fee of \$1,500.00.

13.3.2. If the athlete had a qualified score/time in Showdown Round, but not in the TCR Round, the minimum payment will be \$2,750 inclusive of the guaranteed appearance fee.

13.4. If there are no qualified score/time in the TCR Round, there will not be an Event Champion.

13.5. The TCR Round of competition will pay the following in every discipline:

13.5.1. 1<sup>ST</sup> – \$12,500

13.5.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> – \$6,750

13.5.3. 3<sup>RD</sup> – \$2,750 (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 pool, no ground money will be paid out.

## **COWTOWN CHRISTMAS CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO GROUND RULES ADDENDUM**

Per CCCR Ground Rule Section 2.3 - In the case that a discipline does not meet the minimum number of eligible athletes on the FW21 Leaderboard at the close of the nomination window, the number of athletes eligible to enter CCCRR will be based on the following chart:

Total Entries Per Discipline

Leaderboard	Entries	Qualifying Round Format
21-24	up to 24	1 round
14-20	up to 16	2 rounds
13 or less	up to 8	3 rounds

In the event a discipline in the FW21 Leaderboard does not have enough eligible entries a modified competition format will be applied at the Event for that discipline. The appropriate event format based on the total number of eligible entries as described in this addendum will be applied.

### FORMAT BASED ON TWO (2) ROUNDS OF COMPETITION

- 1<sup>ST</sup> PERF – 2 ADVANCE TO SHOWDOWN
- 2<sup>ND</sup> PERF – 2 ADVANCE TO SHOWDOWN
- 3<sup>RD</sup> PERF – WILD CARD ROUND (#3-6 OF PERF 1 & PERF 2)  
2 ADVANCE TO SHOWDOWN

### FORMAT BASED ON THREE (3) ROUNDS OF COMPETITION

- 1<sup>ST</sup> PERF – 1 ADVANCES TO SHOWDOWN
- 2<sup>ND</sup> PERF – 1 ADVANCES TO SHOWDOWN
- 3<sup>RD</sup> PERF – 1 ADVANCES TO SHOWDOWN
- WILD CARD – TOP 3 ATHLETES FROM ALL PERFS THAT HAVE NOT ALREADY ADVANCED WILL ADVANCE TO SHOWDOWN