

WOMEN'S RODEO

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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May 13-16, 2024 – Cowtown Coliseum – Fort Worth, TX
May 18, 2024 – AT&T Stadium – Arlington, TX

KEY EVENT DETAILS

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

- **ARENAS:**
 - Cowtown Coliseum, 121 E. Exchange Ave, Ft. Worth, TX 76164
 - AT&T Stadium, 1 AT&T Way, Arlington, TX 76011
- **COMPETITION DATES:** May 13-16, 18, 2024
 - Qualifying Rounds and Performance schedule will be posted at a later date
- **TOTAL PAYOUT - \$750,000.00 (\$182,500 per discipline)**
 - **SHOWDOWN & CHAMPIONSHIP Rounds (combined payout per disciplines)**
 - 1ST Place – \$60,000
 - 2ND Place – \$25,000
 - 3RD Place – \$15,000
 - 4TH Place – \$10,000
 - 5TH Place – \$7,500
 - 6TH Place – \$5,000
 - 7TH Place – \$3,500
 - 8TH Place – \$2,500
 - 9TH–12th Place – \$1,500 guaranteed appearance fee
 - **WORLD CHAMPION BONUSES:**
 - ALL-AROUND WORLD CHAMPION - \$20,000
 - DISCIPLINE WORLD CHAMPIONS (PRO/CHL) - \$5,000 (per discipline)
- **WCRA NOMINATIONS:** athletes are eligible to nominate their competitive efforts toward the WCRA Virtual Rodeo Qualifier (VRQ) for Segment W24 Leaderboards until April 14, 2024 at 11:59pm CT.
- **ELIGIBLE ATHLETES:**
 - Athletes are required to have a minimum of fifteen (15) VRQ points on the WCRA W24 leaderboard in a discipline to be eligible to enter WRWC. 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 the Top 20 from WCRA Segment W24 Leaderboard will be eligible to participate at WRWC.
 - Leaderboard #1 Athlete (PRO/CHL) in Segment W24 will be seeded in Showdown Round and is eligible, but not required, to participate in the Qualifying Rounds for payout and points.
 - Leaderboard #2-4 Athletes (PRO/CHL) in Segment W24 will be seeded in Semi-Final Round and is eligible, but not required, to participate in the Qualifying Rounds for payout and points.
 - Seeded athletes in each discipline will be required to notify eventsecretary@wcrarodeo.com at the time of entry to declare whether or not they will be competing in the Qualifying Rounds.
 - WRWC 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 public outside of the association/series marketing campaigns.
 - **ENTRY FEES:** Complimentary entry fees for all eligible athletes
- **ADVANCEMENT TO SHOWDOWN ROUND – 12 athletes from the combined leaderboards**
 - W24 Leaderboard #1 (PRO)
 - W24 Leaderboard #1 (Challenger)
 - Fastest Time from Semi-Final Round (PRO)
 - Fastest Time from Semi-Final Round (Challenger)
 - Top 4 Fastest Times from Three Run Aggregate (PRO)
 - Top 4 Fastest Times from Three Run Aggregate (Challenger)
- Barrel Racing will not be included in the Showdown Round of competition, athletes will advance directly to the Championship Round.
- Last Chance Qualifier – Athletes may nominate the maximum number of times they are entered in the Cowgirl Gathering. The highest placing Pro and Challenger not already competing in WRWC will advance.
- **EVENT FORMAT:** Leaderboards ran separately through the Semi-Final Round.
 - All Disciplines:
 - Qualifying Rounds – up to 36 athletes/teams PRO/CHL (2 rounds)
 - Semi-Final Round – up to 15 athletes/teams PRO/CHL (1 round)
 - Showdown Round – 12 athletes/teams COMBINED LEADERBOARDS (no Barrel Racing)
 - Championship Round – 3 athletes/teams (Barrel Racing – 12 athletes)
 - Advancement to subsequent rounds based on competition per official ground rules

GROUND RULES: Official ground rules available at ([WRWC Ground Rules](#)).



**WOMEN'S RODEO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
GROUND RULES PAYOUTS, ADVANCEMENT AND TIE-BREAKERS
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1. SCHEDULE OF KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

- 1.1. April 17, 2023 at 12:00am – W24 nominations open
- 1.2. April 14, 2024 at 11:59pm CT – W24 nominations close
- 1.3. Tuesday April 16, 2024 at 2:00pm CT – Preliminary Leaderboard Update
 - 1.3.1. All athletes have from Tuesday, April 16 at 2:00pm CT – Wednesday April 17 at 2:00pm CT to email support@wcrarodeo.com to declare a dispute in the results. After this deadline, all points on the W24 leaderboard are final.
- 1.4. April 18, 2024 at 1:00pm CT – W24 leaderboard final
- 1.5. April 19, 2024 at 10:00am CT – April 22, 2024 at 3:00pm CT – Team Roping Pairings for W24 Leaderboard
- 1.6. April 23, 2024 at 12:00pm CT – W24 Entries Open
- 1.7. April 25, 2024 at 12:00pm CT – W24 Entries Close
- 1.8. April 26, 2024 – W24 Callbacks
- 1.9. May 13-18, 2024 – WRWC 2024 event dates

2. COMPETITION ORDER PER DISCIPLINE, as applicable

- 2.1. Last Chance Qualifier – details included in Section 17 in the Addendum attached to these ground rules.
- 2.2. WRWC Qualifying Rounds
- 2.3. WRWC Semi-Final Round
- 2.4. WRWC Showdown Round
- 2.5. WRWC Championship Round

3. GENERAL GROUND RULES

- 3.1. The Women's Rodeo World Championship (WRWC) is open to all biological female athletes over the age of thirteen (13) years of age at the time of entry.
- 3.2. WRWC DISCIPLINES: Team Roping-Header, Team Roping-Heeler, Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing
- 3.3. Definition: the term "Leaderboard" or "Leaderboards", when not accompanied by a "Pro", "Challenger", or "Pro/CHL" designation, refers to the W24 Leaderboard applicable to the athlete's competition classification.
 - 3.3.1. The abbreviation "CHL" refers to the Challenger classification
- 3.4. Athletes are allowed one (1) entry per discipline in the 2024 WRWC event.
 - 3.4.1. For avoidance of doubt, the separation of PRO/CHL leaderboards does not constitute or create separate disciplines.
 - 3.4.2. Athletes seeded in the Showdown Round (Pro/CHL Leaderboard #1) are eligible to participate in the Qualifying Rounds payout, World points and All Around points.
- 3.5. To ensure fair and safe competition, the WRWC 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.
 - 3.5.1. Any requests for rule changes or modifications must be submitted to the WRWC Competition Committee, who will then review and approve prior to enforcing any rule modifications or edits.
 - 3.5.2. No rule changes will be made within a round of competition.
- 3.6. For clarification, any reference to WRWC W24 leaderboard standings as it relates to tie-breakers or similar instances, the leaderboard standings refer to the final audited standings as of April 18, 2024.
- 3.7. COVID and General Health Compliance:
 - 3.7.1. The safety of WRWC athletes, production crew, event staff, venue staff, exhibitors, spectators and everyone in the execution of this event is WRWC staff's top priority.
 - 3.7.2. WRWC may implement safety guidelines based on recommendations from Federal, State, and Local officials along with the host venues 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.
 - 3.7.3. 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.

3.8. Definition: For avoidance of doubt and clarification as it applies to the WRWC Championship round payout, the following defines the difference between an Event Champion and an Event Winner.

3.8.1. An Event Champion is a Contestant/Team that has recorded the fastest time in the Championship Round **and** has placed first in the final event results of her discipline solely by herself. To be an Event Champion, Contestant/Team must meet all WRWC eligibility requirements. Contestants/Teams with tied times in the Championship Round are not considered Event Champions. An Event Champion **is** eligible to earn the top payout in their discipline.

3.8.2. An Event Winner has not posted a qualified time in the Championship Round **and/or** has not placed first in the final results of her discipline solely by herself but rather is in a tied situation for first. Event Winners **have not** met the minimum WRWC requirements and are **NOT** eligible to earn the top payout in their discipline.

3.9. Splits:

3.9.1. All timed event splits must be declared one hour before the event start time. Changes in splits in subsequent rounds of competition must be declared immediately following the previous round of competition.

3.10. Draw Outs:

3.10.1. If an athlete draws out of the event prior to the entries closing or is drawn out after the books close, but prior to competing in the event, for a valid reason, the athlete will be refunded the full amount of entry fees pre-paid for the event competition position vacated.

3.10.1.1. Transaction fees related to an entry fee are not refundable for any reason.

3.10.1.2. Virtual Rodeo Qualifier (VRQ) nomination and transaction fees are not refundable for any reason after the segment has closed.

3.11. Turn Outs and Non-Entries:

3.11.1. If an eligible athlete qualified via the W24 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.

3.11.2. If an eligible athlete qualified via the W24 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.

3.11.3. If an eligible athlete qualified via the W24 Leaderboard turns out of the event after entries close, their position will be filled by the next eligible alternate.

3.11.3.1. The penalty for a notified turnout is \$500.00 or forfeiture of all entry fees, whichever is greater.

3.11.3.2. 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.

3.11.3.2.1. The athlete will not be allowed to earn a competition position at the event in the same discipline via alternate qualifying methods.

3.11.4. If an athlete chooses not to participate for a “non- injury” related reason in the Championship 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.

3.11.4.1. Turnout Deadline – 24 hours prior to the posted performance start time of the event.

3.11.4.2. 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.

3.11.5. Any athlete the 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.

3.11.5.1. The ineligible period will be determined by the WCRA Competition Committee and an event Promoter Representative.

3.11.6. **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.

3.11.7. **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.

3.11.8. **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.

- 3.11.9. **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.
- 3.11.9.1. Athletes that have earned an advancing position to a subsequent round of competition and opt to skip additional qualifying rounds must notify WCRA of their intention not to participate in the remaining Qualifying Rounds of competition.
- 3.11.9.2. 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.
- 3.11.10. 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.
- 3.11.11. Other: WRWC 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.
- 3.12. Trades
- 3.12.1. The WRWC W24 event format negates the need for any trades.
- 3.12.2. If for any reason, more than one arena is required for competition, all reasonable efforts will be made to ensure athletes participating in multiple disciplines will not have overlapping runs. If this issue occurs the athlete must notify the event secretary in advance of the event. The WRWC Competition Committee will evaluate how to resolve the issue, if possible.
- 3.13. Timing & Scoring
- 3.13.1. Times in the Team Roping and Breakaway Roping will be recorded to the hundredths of a second.
- 3.13.1.1. Competition will start behind a rope barrier and will be timed by handheld plungers from the PBR Scoring System.
- 3.13.2. Barrel Racing times will be recorded to the thousandths of a second by electronic eyes. Dual timers 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.
- 3.13.3. 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:
- 3.13.3.1. Team Roping and Breakaway Roping – the tenths of a second.
- 3.13.3.2. Barrel Racing – the hundredths of a second.
- 3.14. Stock Draw
- 3.14.1. Stock will be drawn at least two hours prior to the start of the competition.
- 3.14.2. The stock will be drawn in order of the athlete's W24 Leaderboard ranking per round/performance in the Qualifying Rounds and Semi-Finals Round.
- 3.14.2.1. Semi-Finals Round stock will be the fastest times from the Qualifying Rounds.
- 3.14.2.2. Championship Round and Showdown Round stock will be from the fastest runs from the combined PRO Qualifying Rounds and PRO Semi-Finals Round.
- 3.14.2.2.1. Championship Round stock will be from the top three (3) fastest runs in the PRO Semi-Finals Round. The next fastest runs from the combined PRO Qualifying Rounds and PRO Semi-Finals Round will be used in the Showdown Round inclusive of two (2) extras.
- 3.14.2.2.2. Barrier Penalties will not be included when determining stock with fastest times for advancement rounds.
- 3.14.3. If there are not enough animals to complete a round of competition, re-run stock will be drawn as needed.
- 3.14.4. Athletes may not draw the same competition animal within a sequence of competition with multiple rounds that may or may include an aggregate component such as the Qualifying Rounds and Semi-Final Round.
- 3.14.5. An Athlete may draw a competition animal that they have previously competed on during the event based on the following:
- 3.14.5.1. The animal is not redrawn during a segment of the competition that includes an aggregate.
- 3.14.5.2. The athlete redraws the competition animal in a subsequent round or set of rounds during the event that starts as a clean slate.
- 3.14.5.3. PRO and Challengers Leaderboard Qualifying Rounds will use separate herds of animals. Once the leaderboards merge in the subsequent rounds the animals with the fastest times PRO Qualifying Rounds will be used.
- 3.14.6. Championship Round – The stock will be drafted 2 hours prior to the performance posted start time at the rodeo secretary office. Draft will be in order of advancement with fastest time/highest score drafting

first.

3.14.7. 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.

3.14.8. Misdraw procedure will be determined by the event officials.

3.15. PRO and CHALLENGER LEADERBOARDS

3.15.1. WRWC will include PRO and CHALLENGER Leaderboards in the WRWC Qualifying Rounds and Semi-Final Round for each discipline.

3.15.2. An athlete's eligibility to participate in the Challenger Leaderboard will be determined based on known information and updated quarterly. Athlete earnings in GBR and BAW will be reviewed at the end of each yearly quarter to verify classification status. If an athlete is promoted out of the Challenger Leaderboard, the athlete's total points and any Qualifier Series generic qualifications in that discipline will be moved to the PRO Leaderboard. Team Ropers will be required to show proof of their classification. Any roper classified as a #4.5 or less is eligible to compete as a Challenger.

3.15.3. The WRWC Competition Committee reserves the right to verify or reclassify any classification based on known information.

3.15.3.1. Challenger Athlete Classification updates will be made based on data available as of the following date:

3.15.3.1.1. January 15, 2024

3.15.3.2. Following the classification update - Athletes will be promoted from the Challenger to PRO leaderboard if they exceed the earning or number guidelines for Challengers.

3.15.3.2.1. An athlete's points following the final leaderboard audit will determine their competition position per the event ground rules.

3.15.3.3. Challenger eligible athletes will have the opportunity to choose the leaderboard on which they would like to compete by emailing classification@rodeologistics.co. New athletes on the W24 Leaderboard will have fourteen (14) days from the date of their first nomination in a discipline to declare their classification. Once the declaration deadline has expired the athlete is no longer eligible to change leaderboard designations. If an athlete does not declare their intent toward either leaderboard within the 14 day declaration window, they will be automatically classified as a PRO athlete in that discipline.

3.15.3.4. Challenger Leaderboard qualification eligibility:

3.15.3.4.1. Team Roping – Global Handicaps, Wrangler Team Roping, ACTRA or another approved classification system will be used to determine Challenger Leaderboard eligibility. Athlete's must provide their highest rated membership card for classification and may not exceed a number of #4.5. All athletes must provide a current registration for official athlete number ranking.

3.15.3.4.1.1. Team Roping athletes must send an electronic copy or screenshot of their 2024 Global Handicap (or another approved ranking system) rating to verify their number ranking. Athletes will be defaulted to the PRO Leaderboard until verification is provided. The screenshot must be sent to classification@rodeologistics.co (this is not a .com email address)

3.15.3.4.1.2. Athletes may submit a Team Roping classification request [HERE](#)

3.15.3.4.2. Barrel Racing – Equistat ranking system will be used to determine Challenger Leaderboard eligibility. The Equistat database currently includes over 76,600 Barrel Racing athletes. Athletes are eligible to participate in the Challenger Leaderboard if their earnings do not exceed the Lifetime earnings amount or the amount listed below in any one (1) calendar year for any of the defined time periods in this section.

3.15.3.4.2.1. 2024 calendar year - \$20,000

3.15.3.4.2.2. 2023 calendar year - \$20,000

3.15.3.4.2.3. 2022 calendar year - \$20,000

3.15.3.4.2.4. 2021 calendar year - \$20,000

3.15.3.4.2.5. 2020 calendar year - \$20,000

3.15.3.4.2.6. 2019 calendar year - \$20,000

3.15.3.4.2.7. 2018 calendar year - \$20,000

3.15.3.4.2.8. Lifetime Earnings - \$100,000

3.15.3.4.3. Breakaway Roping – Rodeo Logistics Athlete Classification (RLAC) is a proprietary rankings format developed by Rodeo Logistics and based on athlete earnings derived from select national and regional rodeo associations; select stand-alone events; WRWC events, and WCRA earnings from the 2018-2024 calendar years. The RLAC database currently includes over 2,300 Breakaway Roping athletes. Athletes are eligible to participate in the Challenger Leaderboard if their earnings do not exceed the Lifetime earnings amount or the amount listed below in any one (1) calendar year for any of the defined time periods in this section.

3.15.3.4.3.1. 2024 calendar year - \$10,000

- 3.15.3.4.3.2. 2023 calendar year - \$10,000
 - 3.15.3.4.3.3. 2022 calendar year - \$10,000
 - 3.15.3.4.3.4. 2021 calendar year - \$6,000
 - 3.15.3.4.3.5. 2020 calendar year - \$6,000
 - 3.15.3.4.3.6. 2019 calendar year - \$6,000
 - 3.15.3.4.3.7. 2018 calendar year - \$6,000
 - 3.15.3.4.3.8. Lifetime Earnings - \$30,000
- 3.15.4. If an athlete is not included in any known data to establish their status, they will default to the PRO Leaderboard. Athletes will have the opportunity to provide information on their career stats and earnings to the WRWC Competition Committee to apply for Challenger status.
- 3.15.4.1. The WRWC Competition Committee reserves the right to reclassify any athlete at any time
- 3.15.5. Athletes are eligible to participate in one (1) leaderboard per discipline at a time – Pro or Challenger.
- 3.15.5.1. An athlete may be eligible to participate as a Challenger in a discipline and as a Pro in another discipline.
- 3.15.5.1.1.1. Athletes may submit a Breakaway classification request [HERE](#)

4. BARREL RACING GENERAL RULES

- 4.1. To limit the number of runs on a horse, barrel racing will not be included in the Showdown Round. Advancement from the Semi-Final Round is directly to the Championship round.
- 4.2. Athletes are not required to participate on the same horse and may choose to run a different horse in any round that they choose.
- 4.3. Barrel Racing Tractor Drag/Hand Rake
- 4.3.1. WRWC Qualifying Round (Pro & Challenger)
- 4.3.1.1. Tractor drag after every 4 runs and between each Leaderboard group
 - 4.3.1.2. Hand rake after every run
- 4.3.2. WRWC Semi-Final Round
- 4.3.2.1. Tractor drag after every 4 runs
 - 4.3.2.2. Hand rake after every run
- 4.3.3. WRWC Championship Round
- 4.3.3.1. Tractor drag after every 4 runs
 - 4.3.3.2. Hand rake after every run
- 4.3.4. Once competition has started, all athletes entered in a round of competition that vacate their competition position for any reason will remain in the draw for the purpose of competition positions between drags.

5. TEAM ROPING PAIRING & LEADERBOARD RULES

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.1.1. Combined partner point totals after the pairing deadline will determine the team's competition placement within the WRWC Qualifying Rounds.**
- 5.1.1.1. All references to a Team Roping ranking and/or competition position once the pairings have been confirmed will be based on the combined team point total.
- 5.1.2. A deadline will be set and communicated to the athletes to confirm their partner.
- 5.1.3. After the pairing deadline has closed, all teams are final.**
- 5.2. Once pairings are final, both team members must also enter the event through the NextGen entry application
- 5.3. Athletes are not allowed to have more than one (1) identical Header/Heeler pairing combination at any time during the event.
- 5.3.1. A paired combination must maintain the pairing during any advancement rounds the team has qualified to participate in or any re-enter rounds of competition the athletes are eligible to participate in as long as there are no identical team pairings participating in the event.
- 5.3.2. If a team member is unable to continue participating in the event after competition has started due to an injury or illness, the remaining team member may select a replacement partner from the remaining field of entered athletes that have not maxed out their entries in that discipline. The athlete turning out must provide verification of injury/illness prior to the new team pairing becoming valid.
- 5.4. Headers/Heelers competing in the WRWC Qualifying Rounds.
- 5.4.1. In the event there is an uneven number of headers/heelers, any vacancies will be filled with the eligible headers/heelers from the master athlete alternate list. WRWC will pair the remaining vacancies with the alternates in order of their W24 Leaderboard rank.
- 5.4.2. Once 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 that have not maxed out their entries in that discipline.

5.4.3. Any athlete that was selected as Header or Heeler to fill a competition position that did not have a minimum of 15 VRQ points on the leaderboard for that discipline will be eligible for any competition prize money earned but will not be eligible for World or All Around points in that discipline.

5.5. WRWC Leaderboard (Pro and Challenger Leaderboards applied separately)

5.5.1. Each eligible athlete's individual point total from the final audited WRWC W24 Leaderboard as of April 18, 2024 will determine qualification into the WRWC.

5.5.1.1. W24 Pro/CHL Leaderboards (separately) - Headers and Heelers on the leaderboards will be eligible to participate in WRWC and will be eligible to pair with athletes in their respective round of competition prior to entry.

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

5.5.1.1.2. The #1 team based on combined leaderboard points will be seeded into the WRWC Showdown Round. The #1 team will not be final until all teams have been paired. The #1 team based on combined leaderboard points is eligible to participate in the WRWC Qualifying Rounds with advancement to subsequent rounds based on competition performance, for payout, World points and All Around Championship points. If the #1 team earns an advancement position to the WRWC Showdown round the earned advancement position will be vacated and filled by the next eligible team based on the three run aggregate standings. The #1 team will participate in the round based on the earned seeded position.

6. **WRWC ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

6.1. At the close of WRWC Segment W24 (W24) on April 14, 2024, at 11:59:59pm, all female athletes 13 years of age or older are eligible in each discipline based on their WRWC W24 Leaderboard rank or generic qualifications.

6.1.1. All athletes eligible to enter WRWC via the WRWC W24 Pro or Challenger Leaderboard or generic qualifications will be notified by WRWC via email and text with event entry details. The entry information will include what section of the competition the athlete will start their competition path. Seeded athletes will have the option to participate in earlier competition rounds, based on their leaderboard position, for prize money, World points and All Around points.

6.1.1.1. All references to a Team Roping competition position will be based on the team's combined athlete W24 Leaderboard points total.

6.2. A master event athlete list of eligible athletes will be created based on their position on the WRWC Segment W24 Leaderboard following the final points audit on April 18, 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 WRWC W24 Leaderboard position.

6.3. WRWC reserves the right to award generic qualifications, in addition to and separate from the Qualifier Series events, to athletes from partner associations/events in any or all disciplines as it chooses. These generic qualifications and how they are awarded will be published and promoted upon confirmation.

6.4. Eligible Athletes Per Discipline Per Leaderboard (PRO/CHL)

6.4.1.1. Team Roping Header – 36 Athletes/Teams (per leaderboard)

6.4.1.1.1. W24 Leaderboard athletes #1-#20

6.4.1.1.2. Qualifier Series generic qualifications winners – up to 8

6.4.1.1.3. Last Chance Qualifiers – up to 8

6.4.1.2. Team Roping Heeler – 36 Athletes/Teams (per leaderboard)

6.4.1.2.1. W24 Leaderboard athletes #1-#20

6.4.1.2.2. Qualifier Series generic qualifications winners – up to 8

6.4.1.2.3. Last Chance Qualifiers – up to 8

6.4.1.3. Breakaway Roping – 36 Athletes/Teams (per leaderboard)

6.4.1.3.1. W24 Leaderboard athletes #1-#20

6.4.1.3.2. Qualifier Series generic qualifications winners – up to 8

6.4.1.3.3. Last Chance Qualifiers – up to 8

6.4.1.4. Barrel Racing – 36 Athletes/Teams (per leaderboard)

6.4.1.4.1. W24 Leaderboard athletes #1-#20

6.4.1.4.2. Qualifier Series generic qualifications winners – up to 8

6.4.1.4.3. Last Chance Qualifiers – up to 8

6.4.1.5. W24 Leaderboard ranking supersedes a Generic Qualification. Any athlete that has earned a Generic Qualification that is also ranked in the Top 20 of the leaderboard of the generic qualification discipline, the leaderboard ranking will be used for placement in the event.

6.4.1.5.1. Generic Qualifications vacated for any reason, including leaderboard qualification, will not be filled or replaced by alternate athletes.

6.5. W24 Leaderboard Qualification Benefits:

6.5.1.WRWC Leaderboard #1 Athlete: as of the final points audit of the WRWC W24 on April 18, 2024.

6.5.1.1. One (1) standard double occupancy hotel room or RV spot at Will Roger Memorial Complex for up to three (3) nights

6.5.1.2. One (1) complimentary stall rental with four (4) bags of shavings

6.5.1.3. Seeded Competition (Team based on team's combined header and heeler leaderboard points):

6.5.1.3.1. #1 Athlete/Team – WRWC Showdown Round

6.5.1.3.1.1. Seeded athletes/teams are eligible to participate in the Qualifying Rounds for prize money, World points and AAC points. Seeded athletes/teams are eligible to advance to subsequent rounds of competition.

6.5.1.3.1.1.1. If a seeded athlete/team earns an advancement position into a competition round that the athlete/team is previously seeded, the advancement position will be vacated, and the next eligible athlete/team from the advancement criteria (fast time or aggregate) will advance.

6.5.1.3.1.1.2. If a seeded athlete/team earns an advancement position into a competition round that the athlete/team is not seeded into, the seeded athlete/team has the option to opt out of participating in that round of competition without penalty or jeopardizing their seeded competition position. The athlete/team must notify the event secretary with 30 minutes of the conclusion of the previous round if they intend to opt out of the advancement round. The vacated advancement position will be replaced by the next eligible athlete/team from the advancement criteria for the competition position vacated (fast time or aggregate).

6.5.2.WRWC Leaderboard #2-#4: as of the final points audit of the WRWC W24 on April 18, 2024.

6.5.2.1. One (1) complimentary stall rental with four (4) bags of shavings

6.5.2.2. Seeded Competition (Team based on team's combined header and heeler leaderboard points):

6.5.2.2.1. #2-#4 Athlete/Team – WRWC Semi-Final Round

6.5.2.2.1.1. Seeded athletes/teams are eligible to participate in the Qualifying Rounds for prize money, World points and AAC points. Seeded athletes/teams are eligible to advance to subsequent rounds of competition.

6.5.2.2.1.1.1. If a seeded athlete/team earns an advancement position into a competition round that the athlete/team is previously seeded, the advancement position will be vacated, and the next eligible athlete/team from the advancement criteria (fast time or aggregate) will advance.

6.5.2.2.1.1.2. If a seeded athlete/team earns an advancement position into a competition round that the athlete/team is not seeded into, the seeded athlete/team has the option to opt out of participating in that round of competition without penalty or jeopardizing their seeded competition position. The athlete/team must notify the event secretary with 30 minutes of the conclusion of the previous round if they intend to opt out of the advancement round. The vacated advancement position will be replaced by the next eligible athlete/team from the advancement criteria for the competition position vacated (fast time or aggregate).

7. WRWC NOMINATION AND OPEN ENTRY DATES/FEEES:

7.1. All WRWC entries will be through the NextGen entry application

7.2. WRWC Segment W24 Nominations

7.2.1.Open – Monday, April 17, 2023, at 12:00am CT

7.2.2.Close – Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 11:59pm CT

7.3. WRWC Qualifying Rounds

7.3.1.Entries Open – April 23, 2024, at 12:00pm CT

7.3.2.Entries Close –April 25, 2024, at 12:00pm CT

Entry Fee – complimentary for WRWC W24 Leaderboard positions #1-#20

COMPETITION FORMAT, ADVANCEMENT & TIE-BREAKERS

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

****The PRO and CHALLENGER Leaderboards will run separately and under the same ground rules in WRWC Qualifying Rounds and WRWC Semi-Finals. These rounds will count toward the WRWC World Championship for each leaderboard as described in SECTION 15.****

8. WRWC QUALIFYING ROUNDS:

8.1. ALL DISCIPLINES CONSIST OF:

8.1.1.Two full rounds of competition

8.1.1.1. TEAM ROPING & BREAKAWAY ROPING:

8.1.1.1.1. Round One – Competition Order in reverse order of leaderboards

- 8.1.1.1.2. Round Two – Competition Order in reverse order of Round 1
- 8.1.1.2. BARREL RACING:
 - 8.1.1.2.1. Round One – Competition Order based on WCRA leaderboard positions, top of the ground
 - 8.1.1.2.2. Round Two – Competition Order in reverse order of Round 1

Example - based on 36 athletes in a round with a drag after 4

- 7 drags will occur in the round.
- The first 7 athletes based on merged WCRA W24 Leaderboard position will be placed in the 1, 6, 11... positions so they are the first to compete following a drag.
- The next set of athletes will be placed in the 2, 7, 12... positions so they are the second to compete following a drag.

8.1.1.2.2.1.1. The same process would be used for each run position until all athletes are placed in the round based on their Leaderboard position.

8.1.2. ADVANCEMENT PER LEADERBOARD – 12 athletes per leaderboard advance from WRWC Qualifying Rounds to WRWC Semi-Final Round:

8.1.2.1. All disciplines:

8.1.2.1.1. Round 1 – Top 2 fastest times

8.1.2.1.2. Round 2 – Top 2 fastest times

8.1.2.1.2.1. If the Athlete/Team with the Fastest Times of Round Two has already earned an advancement position to the Semi-Final Round, the next eligible Athlete/Team from the round will advance.

8.1.2.1.3. Aggregate – Top 8 fastest times on two runs

8.1.2.1.4. If the Athlete/Team within the Top 8 Fastest Combined Times from the two run aggregate has already earned an advancement position to the Semi-Final Round, the next eligible Athlete/Team from the aggregate standings will advance.

8.2. TIE-BREAKERS IN QUALIFYING ROUNDS:

8.2.1. If an advancing position is tied in the round for the last advancement position, ties creating the split up to one (1) place beyond the maximum advancement position will advance. Any ties creating a split more than one (1) place beyond the maximum advancement position will be dropped and not advance. If any advancement positions from the rounds are unfilled, an extra aggregate position will be added for advancement.

8.2.2. If any advancement positions from the aggregate are unfilled the remaining advancement positions will be filled by the next eligible athlete/team based on the W24 Leaderboard standings of the respective discipline with an unfilled position. (In Team Roping, it is based on the combined athletes' team points).

9. **WRWC SEMI-FINAL ROUND (PER LEADERBOARD):**

9.1. CONSISTS OF:

9.1.1. All Disciplines - 15 ATHLETES/TEAMS:

9.1.1.1. 3 - Leaderboard #2-#4 (seeded)

9.1.1.2. 12 – Advancing athletes from Qualifying Rounds

9.2. COMPETITION FORMAT:

9.2.1. One (1) round of competition

9.2.2. Competition Order –

9.2.2.1. BAW/TR – reverse order of qualifying

9.2.2.2. GBR – in order of qualifying

9.3. ADVANCEMENT –

9.3.1. Fastest Time from Semi-Final Round

9.3.1.1. If the Athlete/Team with the Fastest Time has already earned an advancement position to the Showdown Round, the next eligible Athlete/Team from the Semi-Final Round standings will advance.

9.3.2. Top 4 fastest combined times from three run aggregate

9.3.2.1. If the Athlete/Team within the Top 4 Fastest Combined Times from the three run aggregate has already earned an advancement position to the Showdown Round, the next eligible Athlete/Team from the aggregate standings will advance.

9.3.2.2. Barrel Racing – To limit the number of runs on a horse, barrel racing will not be included in the Showdown Round. Advancement from the Semi-Final Round is directly to the Championship round.

9.4. ADVANCEMENT ORDER AND TIE-BREAKERS:

9.4.1. If an advancing position is tied in the round for the last advancement position, ties creating the split will be broken as follow.

9.4.2. Team Roping & Breakaway Roping (to Showdown Round)

- 9.4.2.1. Showdown Round advancement order – if an Athlete/Team earns more than one advancement to the Showdown Round, their first earned advancement will be used. Each additional advancement earned will be vacated and the next eligible athlete in the round or aggregate from the vacated position will advance.
 - 9.4.2.1.1. Round 1
 - 9.4.2.1.2. Round 2
 - 9.4.2.1.3. Semi-Final Round
 - 9.4.2.1.4. Three Run Aggregate
- 9.4.2.2. Any ties creating a split in the Semi-Final Round below the last advancing position - the tie will be broken by:
 - 9.4.2.2.1. Fastest time in any previous round of competition.
 - 9.4.2.2.2. Highest ranked athlete/team on the WRWC W24 Leaderboard (In Team Roping, it is based on the combined athletes' team points)
- 9.4.2.3. Barrel Racing (to Championship)
 - 9.4.2.3.1. Championship Round advancement order – if an Athlete earns more than one advancement to the Championship Round, their first earned advancement will be used. Each additional advancement earned will be vacated and the next eligible athlete in the round or aggregate from the vacated position will advance.
 - 9.4.2.3.1.1. Round 1
 - 9.4.2.3.1.2. Round 2
 - 9.4.2.3.1.3. Semi-Final Round
 - 9.4.2.3.1.4. Three Run Aggregate
 - 9.4.2.3.2. Any ties creating a split in the Semi-Finals below 12th - the tie will be broken by:
 - 9.4.2.3.2.1. Fastest time in any previous round of competition.
 - 9.4.2.3.2.2. Highest ranked athlete/team on the WRWC W24 Leaderboard

10. WRWC SHOWDOWN ROUND – TEAM ROPING & BREAKAWAY ROPING ONLY

- 10.1. CONSISTS OF: 12 athletes from the combined leaderboards
 - 10.1.1. W24 Leaderboard #1 (PRO)
 - 10.1.2. W24 Leaderboard #1 (Challenger)
 - 10.1.3. Fastest Time from Semi-Final Round (PRO)
 - 10.1.4. Fastest Time from Semi-Final Round (Challenger)
 - 10.1.5. Top 4 Fastest Times from Three Run Aggregate (PRO)
 - 10.1.6. Top 4 Fastest Times from Three Run Aggregate (Challenger)
- 10.2. COMPETITION FORMAT:
 - 10.2.1. One (1) round of competition
 - 10.2.2. Competition Order –
 - 10.2.2.1. #1 ranked Athlete/Team from the W24 Leaderboards in each Discipline will be seeded into priority competition positions:
 - 10.2.2.2. Team Roping and Breakaway Roping:
 - 10.2.2.2.1. Leaderboard #1 (PRO) – will be placed in the last position of the round
 - 10.2.2.2.2. Leaderboard #1 (CHL) – will be placed in the second to last position of the round
 - 10.2.2.2.3. Barrel Racing – no barrel racing in the Showdown Round, all advancing athletes will participate in Championship round.
 - 10.2.2.3. All other Athletes/Teams will be randomly drawn. (In the Team Roping, the athletes' combined total Team points from the W24 Leaderboard will be used to determine a team's ranking.)
 - 10.2.3. Clean Slate format
 - 10.2.3.1. No competition times from any previous round of competition moves forward to the WRWC Championship Round except when needed to break a tie per the Advancement/Tie-Breaker rules in these Ground Rules.
- 10.3. TIE-BREAKERS TO DETERMINE ADVANCEMENT TO CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND:
 - 10.3.1. Any ties creating a split in the Showdown Round below the last advancing position - the tie will be broken by
 - 10.3.1.1. Fastest combined times in Three Run Aggregate from combined leaderboards
 - 10.3.1.2. Fastest time in WRWC Semi-Final Round from combined leaderboards
 - 10.3.1.3. Fastest time in either WRWC Qualifying Rounds from combined leaderboards

11. WRWC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

- 11.1. CONSISTS OF:
 - 11.1.1. Team Roping and Breakaway Roping: Top 3 fastest times from WRWC Showdown Round
 - 11.1.2. Barrel Racing: 12 athletes from the combined leaderboards following the Semi-Final Rounds
 - 11.1.2.1. W24 Leaderboard #1 (PRO)

- 11.1.2.2. W24 Leaderboard #1 (Challenger)
 - 11.1.2.3. Fastest Time from Semi-Final Round (PRO)
 - 11.1.2.4. Fastest Time from Semi-Final Round (Challenger)
 - 11.1.2.5. Top 4 Fastest Times from Three Run Aggregate (PRO)
 - 11.1.2.6. Top 4 Fastest Times from Three Run Aggregate (Challenger)
 - 11.2. COMPETITION FORMAT:
 - 11.2.1. One (1) round of competition
 - 11.2.2. Competition Order –
 - 11.2.2.1. Team Roping and Breakaway Roping – reverse order of advancement
 - 11.2.2.2. Barrel Racing:
 - 11.2.2.2.1. Leaderboard #1 (PRO) – will be placed on top of the ground for the first drag
 - 11.2.2.2.2. Leaderboard #1 (CHL) – will be placed on the top of the ground in the second drag
 - 11.2.2.2.3. All other competition positions will be randomly drawn.
 - 11.2.3. Clean Slate format
 - 11.2.3.1. No competition times from any previous round of competition moves forward to the WRWC Championship Round except when needed to break a tie per the Advancement/Tie-Breaker rules in these Ground Rules.
 - 11.2.4. The Championship Round will consist of a total prize money payout of \$100,000 in each discipline (inclusive of guaranteed appearance fee).
 - 11.2.4.1. All athletes participating in the Championship Round are guaranteed a minimum payment of \$15,000. If there are no qualified scores/times in the Championship Round, there will not be an event champion.
 - 11.2.4.2. If, in the Championship Round, no athletes make a qualified time but had a time in the Showdown Round, the athletes will earn the minimum guaranteed appearance fee and the remaining will not be paid out.
 - 11.2.4.2.1. Team Roping & Breakaway Roping: \$15,000
 - 11.2.4.2.2. Barrel Racing: \$3,500
 - 11.2.4.3. 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 Championship Round.
 - 11.3. TIE-BREAKERS TO DETERMINE EVENT WINNER: If there is a tie for first place in the Championship Round; the following tie-breakers will be used to determine the Event Winner and awarding of the 1st place payout. All other tied positions in the Championship round will be paid in standard payout splits.
 - 11.3.1. Fastest time in WRWC Showdown Round
 - 11.3.2. Fastest combined times in Three Run Aggregate
 - 11.3.3. Fastest time in WRWC Semi-Final Round
 - 11.3.4. Fastest time in WRWC Qualifying Rounds
 - 11.3.5. Highest ranked athlete on the WRWC W24 Leaderboard (In Team Roping, it is based on the combined athletes' team points).
12. **INSTANT REPLAY RULING CHALLENGE (IRRC)** rules are included in the WCRA Rules of Competition document available on the WCRARodeo.com events page or by contacting support@wcrarodeo.com
13. **WOMEN'S RODEO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 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 and 30% of any earnings due will be withheld.
 - 13.1. WRWC Qualifying Rounds (Per Leaderboard - ran & paid separately – reference Section 8)
 - 13.1.1. Round 1 Payout –
 - 13.1.1.1. 1ST Place – \$2,500
 - 13.1.1.2. 2ND Place – \$1,000
 - 13.1.1.3. 3RD Place – \$500
 - 13.1.2. Round 2 Payout –
 - 13.1.2.1. 1ST Place – \$2,500
 - 13.1.2.2. 2ND Place – \$1,000
 - 13.1.2.3. 3RD Place – \$500
 - 13.2. WRWC Semi-Final Round (Per Leaderboard - ran & paid separately – reference Section 9)
 - 13.2.1.1. 1ST Place – \$1,000
 - 13.3. Aggregate Payout –
 - 13.3.1.1. 1ST Place – \$2,900
 - 13.3.1.2. 2ND Place – \$2,400
 - 13.3.1.3. 3RD Place – \$1,900
 - 13.3.1.4. 4TH Place – \$1,400
 - 13.3.1.5. 5TH Place – \$900

- 13.3.1.6. 6TH Place – \$500
 - 13.4. WRWC Showdown Round – Total Round Payout per discipline in Team Roping and Breakaway Roping. (reference Section 10)
 - 13.4.1. 1ST Place – paid in Championship Round
 - 13.4.2. 2ND Place – paid in Championship Round
 - 13.4.3. 3RD Place – paid in Championship Round
 - 13.4.4. 4TH Place – \$10,000
 - 13.4.5. 5TH Place – \$7,500
 - 13.4.6. 6TH Place – \$5,000
 - 13.4.7. 7TH Place – \$3,500
 - 13.4.8. 8TH Place – \$2,500
 - 13.4.9. 9TH Place – \$1,500 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 13.4.10. 10th Place – \$1,500 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 13.4.11. 11th Place - \$1,500 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 13.4.12. 12th Place - \$1,500 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 13.5. WRWC Championship Round – Payout per discipline. (reference Section 11)
 - 13.5.1. Team Roping and Breakaway Roping
 - 13.5.1.1. 1ST Place – \$60,000
 - 13.5.1.2. 2ND Place – \$25,000
 - 13.5.1.3. 3RD Place – \$15,000
 - 13.5.2. Barrel Racing
 - 13.5.2.1. 1ST Place – \$60,000
 - 13.5.2.2. 2ND Place – \$25,000
 - 13.5.2.3. 3RD Place – \$15,000
 - 13.5.2.4. 4TH Place – \$10,000
 - 13.5.2.5. 5TH Place – \$7,500
 - 13.5.2.6. 6TH Place – \$5,000
 - 13.5.2.7. 7TH Place – \$3,500
 - 13.5.2.8. 8TH Place – \$2,500
 - 13.5.2.9. 9TH Place – \$1,500 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 13.5.2.10. 10th Place – \$1,500 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 13.5.2.11. 11th Place - \$1,500 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 13.5.2.12. 12th Place - \$1,500 guaranteed appearance fee
 - 13.6. 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.
- 14. GROUND MONEY**
- 14.1. In the case of not having enough 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 within that same round of competition within the respective discipline.
 - 14.3. If there are no qualified runs or times within a round, no ground money will be paid out.
- 15. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**
- 15.1. World Championships in the Breakaway Roping, Team Roping Header, Team Roping Heeler, and Barrel Racing disciplines will be awarded separately for the W24 PRO Leaderboard and W24 Challenger Leaderboard.
 - 15.1.1. Athletes must enter and participate in the WRWC event to be eligible to earn the World Champion Bonus. If the Segment Leaderboard #1 athlete does not enter and participate in the next athlete with the highest cumulative World Points that enters and participates in the event will be named the World Champion.
 - 15.1.2. The World Championships for each discipline will be based on the cumulative W24 standings leaderboard with each WRWC World Champion earning a \$5,000 bonus.
 - 15.2. The All Around World Championship will be based on the cumulative W24 standings from the combined PRO and Challenger Leaderboards. The athlete with the most combined accumulated World Points in multiple disciplines will be named the WRWC All Around World Champion.
 - 15.2.1. The WRWC All Around World Champion earning a \$20,000 bonus.
 - 15.2.2. An athlete is eligible for the All Around World Championship and bonus if they earn a minimum of fifteen (15) VRQ "Competition" Points in more than one discipline on the combined W24 PRO/CHL Leaderboards prior to the close of Segment W24 on April 14, 2024.
 - 15.3. Throughout Segment W24 (April 17, 2023 – April 14, 2024), Pro and Challenger athletes will accumulate points from their efforts in the Virtual Rodeo Qualifier (VRQ) and those points earned will then be combined with the event World Points that will be awarded onsite for the WRWC Qualifying Rounds, Semi-Final Round and Aggregate.

- 15.3.1. The WRWC Showdown Round and WRWC Championship Round are not included in the 2024 WRWC World Championships.
- 15.4. World Championship Tie-Breakers
 - 15.4.1. Most World points earned from a combination of points from all four (4) disciplines
 - 15.4.2. Most World points earned from a combination of points from at least three (3) disciplines
 - 15.4.3. Most World points earned from a single discipline
 - 15.4.4. Most money earned in the WRWC event
- 15.5. Event World Points Scale

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS				
MAX POINTS AVAILABLE – 8,600				
Place	Round 1	Round 2	Semi-Final Round	3 Run Aggregate
1	1600.00	1600.00	2700.00	2700.00
2	1200.00	1200.00	2026.00	2026.00
3	960.00	960.00	1620.00	1620.00
4	864.00	864.00	1458.00	1458.00
5	778.00	778.00	1312.00	1312.00
6	700.00	700.00	1180.00	1180.00
7	630.00	630.00	1062.00	1062.00
8	566.00	566.00	956.00	956.00
9	510.00	510.00	860.00	860.00
10	460.00	460.00	774.00	774.00
11	418.00	418.00	706.00	706.00
12	376.00	376.00	636.00	636.00
13	336.00	336.00		566.00
14	294.00	294.00		498.00
15	254.00	254.00		428.00
16	212.00	212.00		358.00
17	172.00	172.00		290.00
18	130.00	130.00		220.00
19	90.00	90.00		150.00
20	48.00	48.00		82.00

UPDATED:

- 2/6/24 – removed all references to Triple Crown of Rodeo (TCR) and replaced with “Championship” round
- 3/29/24 – added RRVQR Bonus program rules

ADDENDUM 1

WOMEN'S RODEO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LAST CHANCE QUALIFIER MAY 9 – 12 2024 – WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL CENTER – FORT WORTH, TEXAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COWGIRL GATHERING

16. WRWC LAST CHANCE QUALIFIER:

16.1. Eligible Athletes

16.1.1.1. The May 2024 Cowgirl Gathering will offer a WRWC package for all Pro and Challenger breakaway ropers, team ropers and barrel racers. The entry fee will be \$150 per discipline per entry. The WRWC package will include:

16.1.1.2. Pro WRWC Package

16.1.1.2.1. One W25 Nomination for The Cowgirl Gathering Open

16.1.1.2.2. One W25 Nomination for the WRWC Pro Sidepot

16.1.1.2.3. W25 Qualifier Series generic qualification to the highest nominated Pro in each discipline

16.1.1.2.4. Last Chance Qualification to the 2024 WRWC event will be awarded to Pros not already qualified to the event based on total entries in each class. The total advancing positions will be based on total entries. (see chart below).

16.1.1.3. Challenger WRWC Package

16.1.1.3.1. One W25 Nomination for The Cowgirl Gathering Open

16.1.1.3.2. One W25 Nomination for the WRWC Challenger Sidepot

16.1.1.3.3. W25 Qualifier Series generic qualification to the highest nominated Challenger in each discipline

16.1.1.3.4. Last Chance Qualification to the 2024 WRWC event will be awarded to Challengers not already qualified to the event based on total entries in each class. The total advancing positions will be based on total entries. (see chart below).

16.1.2. Athletes may enter the WRWC package the maximum number of times they are entered in the Cowgirl Gathering. The highest placing Pro and Challenger not already competing in WRWC will advance.

16.2. Team Roping Last Chance Qualifier Guidelines

16.2.1. If there are an uneven number of heading and heeling entries for the Pro or Challenger WRWC Package, whichever side has the most entries will determine the number of advancing positions in each of the Pro and Challenger classes.

16.2.2. Team Roping pairings for the advancing positions will be determined based on the average results from The Cowgirl Gathering.

16.2.2.1. The highest placing Header and the highest placing Heeler that entered the WRWC package will be paired to compete together in the 2024 WRWC Competition. Up to the 8 total advancing teams will be paired based on the average results.

16.2.2.2. The process will be applied to each of the Pro and Challenger classes as applicable.

16.3. WRWC LAST CHANCE QUALIFIER ENTRY INFORMATION:

16.3.1. \$12,000 Added WRWC Side pot

16.3.1.1. Barrel Racing - \$3,000 (\$1,500 to Pros, \$1,500 to Challengers)

16.3.1.2. Breakaway Roping - \$3,000 (\$1,500 to Pros, \$1,500 to Challengers)

16.3.1.3. Team Roping - \$3,000 to Headers, \$3,000 to Heelers (\$1,500 to Pros, \$1,500 to Challengers)

16.3.2. Entries taken with Cowgirl Gathering entries

16.3.3. WRWC Package per discipline:

16.3.3.1. \$150 entry fee per discipline

16.3.3.1.1. Entry into WRWC side pot (side pot for Pro/Challenger athletes and paid back onsite, 100% payback of \$50)

16.3.3.1.2. Nomination into Cowgirl Gathering Open competition (\$75 value)

16.3.3.1.3. Nomination into WRWC Pro or Challenger side pot (\$25 value)

16.3.4. Turn outs will receive a full refund up to 72 hours prior to the event. Transaction fees are not included in any refunds.

16.3.4.1. Any turn out, doctor release or vet release received within 72 hours of the event start time will not be refunded.

16.4. **ADVANCEMENT PER LEADERBOARD** – up to 8 athletes per leaderboard advance to the WRWC based on total entries as described in the following advancement chart:

16.4.1. Barrel racing is based on the Open 5D results

16.4.2. Breakaway roping is based on the 3-head aggregate

16.4.3. Team roping is based on the 4-head aggregate

Total Entries	Advancing Positions
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1 - 10	1
11 - 19	2
20 - 29	3
30 - 39	4
40 - 49	5
50 - 59	6
60 - 69	7
70+	8

16.5. TIE-BREAKERS IN LAST CHANCE QUALIFER AND BUY BACK ROUNDS:

16.5.1. If an advancing position is tied in the aggregate for the last advancement position, ties creating the split up to one (1) place beyond the maximum advancement position will advance. Any ties creating a split more than one (1) place beyond the maximum advancement position will be dropped and not advance.

17. 2025 WRWC Qualifier Series Event

17.1. The highest placing nominated Pro and Challenger in each discipline will earn a generic qualification into the 2025 WRWC event and double their nomination fee in prize money towards the WRWC Qualifier Series.



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.

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:
 - 1st Place - \$25,000.00
 - 2nd Place - \$10,000.00
 - 3rd Place - \$7,500.00
 - 4th 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.

EVENT WORLD POINTS – “REGULAR SEASON” EVENTS						
Standard 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	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