

2018
IPRA WORLD CHAMPION BAREBACK RIDER

TYLER WALTZ

AGE: 28

JERSEY SHORE, PA

IFR49 marked the third trip to OKC for Tyler Waltz from Jersey Shore, PA. “I started getting on bareback horses when I was around 15. My dad, Dave Waltz has always been my rodeo mentor. He rode bareback horses, bulls, and steer wrestled. I got to grow up in a rodeo family.”

Waltz had a strong lead coming into IFR49 and kept the momentum going. Tyler earned a 4th place win in round 1 with a 75.5 point ride. In the second round he walked away with the go-round buckle with an 80.5-point ride. He collected another go-round buckle in the 3rd round with a score of 81.5 points.

The fourth round was special to Tyler for two reasons. The horse he drew was from Rawhide Rodeo Company, “Sam Swearingen was a big part of my life when I was growing up. He and my dad traveled together and Sam helped raise me. The other reason this horse was so special was because a friend of mine that passed away from a rodeo accident has a picture of him riding this horse on his headstone. It was a special ride for me.” Waltz earned 2nd in the round and earned the win in the average with this ride in addition to earning his first gold buckle.

“I like the eliminator style horses, I like to be challenged and draw the stronger horses,” said Tyler.

“I kept a good mindset in 2018 and worked hard and it paid off. I grew up around the IPRA and it’s always been my goal to win the world. I don’t think it’s really sank in yet that I am the world champion, but it’s pretty neat.”

“I plan to rodeo about the same again in 2019 and stay close to home. I want to win the world title again and I’d like to be an all-around contender too. I plan to team rope, steer wrestle and may even get on some bulls again.”
