





#### RODEO CORPUS CHRISTI GROUND RULES PAYOUTS, ADVANCEMENT AND TIE-BREAKERS CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – MAY 7-10, 2025

#### **KEY EVENT DETAILS**

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

- ARENA: American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, TX
- PERFORMANCES FOUR (4):
  - o Wild Card Round May 7 7:00 PM
  - Progressive Round 1 May 8 7:00 PM
  - Progressive Round 2 May 9 7:00 PM
  - Showdown & Kid Rock Rodeo Rounds May 10 7:00 PM
- TOTAL PAYOUT \$600,500.00 GUARANTEED
  - o BB, SB, BR, \$60,611.11 per discipline
  - o TD, TR-HDR, TR-HLR, SW, BAW, GBR \$60,611.11 per discipline
  - O DY Showcase Rodeo \$55,000 total payout

#### KID ROCK'S ROCK 'N RODEO (KRRR) QUALIFIER EVENT:

- Top 2 athletes from Kid Rock Rodeo Round (except BR) will earn a spot on the WCRA Free Riders Team at the Kid Rock's Rock 'N Rodeo event in Arlington, TX on May 16, 2025.
- o Bull Riding Champion will earn a qualification to the PBR World Finals Redemption Round in Fort Worth.
- TIMING & SCORING All Timed Event disciplines (TD, SW, TR, BAW, GBR) will use the KRRR Light System to start each competition run. There will be no traditional barrier or timer line to start the run time. The KRRR Light System utilizes a drag racing style Christmas tree, which will go from a Blue light to a single Red light to Double Red lights to a Yellow light to a final Green light.
- Detailed Timing/Scoring information is listed in Section 9 of the official ground rules.
- WCRA NOMINATIONS: athletes are eligible to nominate their competitive efforts toward the WCRA Virtual Rodeo Qualifier (VRQ) for Segment RCC25 from September 9, 2024, through April 6, 2025, at 11:59pm CT.
- ELIGIBLE ATHLETES:
  - Athletes are required to have a minimum of fifteen (15) VRQ points on the WCRA Segment RCC25
     Leaderboard in a discipline to be eligible to enter Rodeo Corpus Christi with no entry fee.
  - Contrary to prior WCRA event formats, NO athletes will be seeded in the final performance of competition.
  - BB, SB, BR, TD, TR-HDR, TR-HLR, SW, BAW, GBR up to 16 athletes from Segment RCC25 Leaderboard
  - Leaderboard athletes #1-#6 from Segment RCC25 are seeded into the Progressive Rounds.
  - Leaderboard athletes #7-#16 from Segment RCC25 will start competition in the Wild Card Round.
- ENTRY FEES:
  - Timed Events complimentary entry for all eligible positions
  - Rough Stock complimentary entry for all eligible positions
- HORSE STALLS and RV PARKING Stalls/RV available at Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, Robstown, TX. Reservation details will be available at a later date.
- COMPETITION FORMAT: All Disciplines
  - Wild Card Round 1 Round 10 athletes
  - Progressive Rounds 2 Rounds 10 athletes
  - Showdown Round (except Barrel Racing) 1 Round (clean slate) 6 athletes
  - Kid Rock Rodeo Round 1 Round (clean slate) 3 athletes
    - Barrel Racing 1 Round (clean slate) 6 athletes
- ADVANCEMENT TO SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS:
  - Advancement from Wild Card Round to Progressive Rounds:
    - Top 4 fastest times / highest scores
  - Advancement from Progressive Round to Showdown Round:
    - Progressive Round 1 Winner, Progressive Round 2 Winner, Top 4 from Progressive Rounds 2 head Aggregate
  - Advancement from Showdown Round to Championship Round (excludes Barrel Racing):
    - Top 3 fastest times / highest scores
- IPRA Membership Benefit For the 2025 IPRA season, IPRA Members that earn prize money at **WCRA Major Rodeos (WCRA) and/or the Women's Rodeo World Championship (WRWC)** events are eligible to apply up to \$10,000.00 per discipline toward the 2025 IPRA World Standings. Contact IPRA for additional details.
- STOCK CONTRACTOR: Frontier Rodeo Company







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

- 1.1. September 9, 2024 at 12:01am CT RCC25 nominations open
- 1.2. April 6, 2025 at 11:59pm CT RCC25 nomination close
- 1.3. April 8, 2025 at 2:00pm CT Preliminary Leaderboard Update
  - 1.3.1.All athletes have from Tuesday, April 8 at 2:00pm CT Wednesday, April 9 at 2:00pm CT to email <a href="mailto:support@wcrarodeo.com">support@wcrarodeo.com</a> to declare a dispute in the results. After this deadline, all points on the RCC25 leaderboard are final.
- 1.4. April 10, 2025 at 1:00pm CT RCC25 leaderboard final
- 1.5. April 11, 2025 at 10:00am CT April 14, 2025 at 12:00pm CT Team Roping Pairings for RCC25 Leaderboard
- 1.6. April 15, 2025 at 12:00pm CT RCC Entries Open
- 1.7. April 17, 2025 at 12:00pm CT RCC Entries Close
- 1.8. April 18, 2025 RCC Callbacks

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

- 2.1. At the close of Rodeo Corpus Christi (RCC, RCC25) the top ranked eligible athletes available in each discipline of the final audited WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard as of April 10, 2025, per the totals listed below in these ground rules and who enter the event will be eligible to participate in Rodeo Corpus Christi (RCC25).
- 2.2. WCRA reserves the right to add additional athletes via a generic qualification from select association or series leaderboards to participate in the event. Any such case may or may not be promoted to the general public outside of the association/series marketing campaigns.
- 2.3. Athlete's may only earn one competition position in a discipline.
  - 2.3.1.RCC25 Leaderboard ranking supersedes a Generic Qualification. Any athlete that has earned a Generic Qualification that is also ranked in the Top 16 (Riding Events) or Top 16 (Timed Events) of the leaderboard of the generic qualification discipline, the leaderboard ranking will be used for placement in the event.
- 2.4. Disciplines:
  - 2.4.1.Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding and Bull Riding up to 16 leaderboard athletes per discipline.
    - 2.4.1.1. Bull Riding athletes must be a current member, and in good standing, of Professional Bull Riders, Inc. (PBR).
      - 2.4.1.1.1. For any questions about PBR Memberships, payments, or scheduling, you can reach Jack Holmberg at <u>719-242-2800</u> ext. 3235 or by email to <u>jholmberg@pbr.com</u>.
      - 2.4.1.1.2. PBR Velocity/Challenger Tour level points are applied to the athletes per PBR protocols.
  - 2.4.2.Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping-Header, Team Roping-Heeler, Breakaway Roping and Barrel Racing up to 16 leaderboard athletes per discipline.
    - 2.4.2.1. All references to a Team Roping Leaderboard position will be based on the combined team's point total.
- 2.5. All athletes eligible to enter RCC25 via the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard will be notified by WCRA via email and text with event entry details.
- 2.6. Athletes on the RCC25 Leaderboard that have not earned the minimum amount of 15 VRQ points required to be eligible to enter the event, are eligible to "enter" the event as an alternate. Alternates will be added to the event per Section 2.6 and Section 2.6.1 of these ground rules.
- 2.7. A master event athlete list of eligible athletes will be created based on their position on the WCRA Segment RCC25 Leaderboard following the final points audit on April 10, 2025. 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 RCC25 Leaderboard position.
  - 2.7.1.If the RCC25 Competition Committee adds an athlete, as an alternate or for any other reason, to the RCC25 athlete roster that has not participated in the WCRA Segment RCC25 or earned the required minimum number of VRQ points during Segment RCC25, he or she must nominate the 2025 RCC event toward the next WCRA Segment and may be subject to an additional \$300 fee.
- 2.8. VRQ Leaderboard Tie-Breakers: If there is a tie in the leaderboard standings following the final audited leaderboard standings, the following process will be used to break ties for qualification to the event.

- 2.8.1. When there is a tie on total VRQ points, the tie will be broken based upon the total number of VRQ points by place.
  - 2.8.1.1. For example, the contestant with the most first place VRQ points will win the tie. If both contestants have an equal number of first place VRQ points, the contestant with the most second place VRQ points will win the tie. This process will continue until the tie is decided.
- 2.8.2. The tie will be broken based upon the most VRQ points won in the highest division
- 2.8.3. The tie will be broken based upon the most nominations
- 2.8.4. The tie will be broken based upon the earliest date/time of first nomination
- 2.8.5. The tie will be broken based upon the earliest date of registering in the app.
- 2.8.6.If still tied, the tie will be broken from the standings of the alliance partner that the consolation points were won

#### 3. **GENERAL GROUND RULES**

3.1. Rules of Competition are contained in a separate document available at <a href="RULES">RULES</a> or by contacting <a href="support@wcrarodeo.com">support@wcrarodeo.com</a>

#### 3.2. SANCTIONING BODIES:

- 3.2.1.IPRA (second sanction) Must have current IPRA membership prior to start of event to be eligible for IPRA World Standings points.
- 3.2.2.PBR Bull Riding is PBR approved. Must have PBR membership to be eligible for PBR points.
- 3.3. ELIGIBLE ATHLETES: Rodeo Corpus Christi (RCC25) is open to:
  - 3.3.1. Timed Events: all athletes over the age of thirteen (13) years of age at the time of entry.
    - 3.3.1.1. Steer Wrestling Must be a minimum of 15 years of age to nominate and must be 16 years of age to enter and compete at the event.
    - 3.3.1.2. Breakaway Roping is limited to biological female athletes only.
  - 3.3.2. Riding Events -
    - 3.3.2.1. Bull Riding all athletes over the age of eighteen (18) at the time of competition per PBR Rulebook.
    - 3.3.2.2. Bareback Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding Must be a minimum of 15 years of age to nominate and must be 16 years of age to enter and compete at the event.
  - 3.3.3.WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard Qualification Benefits:
    - 3.3.3.1. WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard #1-#6 athletes/teams will be seeded to RCC25 Progressive Round.
      - 3.3.3.1.1. Contrary to prior WCRA event formats, NO athletes will be seeded in the final performance of competition. Seeded athletes are not eligible to participate in the Wild Card Round.
- 3.4. RCC25 DISCIPLINES: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping-Header, Team Roping-Heeler, Women's Breakaway Roping, and Barrel Racing
- 3.5. Competition Schedule:
  - 3.5.1. Wild Card Round May 7, 2025
  - 3.5.2. Progressive Rounds May 8-9, 2025
  - 3.5.3. WCRA Showdown & Kid Rock Rodeo rounds May 10, 2025
- 3.6. Only actual contestant and one companion allowed gate access for ticketed rodeo performances on the day(s) the athlete is scheduled to participate.
- 3.7. RCC25 Competition Committee reserves the right to modify these ground rules whether by addition to, deletion from, or modification of any rules as it deems necessary, without prior notice, to ensure fair competition.
  - 3.7.1. No rule changes will be made within a round of competition.
- 3.8. Athlete Check In:
  - 3.8.1.All athletes must check-in at the rodeo secretary office to complete and sign a release of liability before competing.
  - 3.8.2.ALL ATHLETES WITH HORSES Must check-in with the rodeo secretary and present all current required Texas Animal Health documents.
- 3.9. PERFORMANCE PARKING Athlete parking location will be provided in the pre-event information packets.
- 3.10. COVID and General Health Welfare Compliance:
  - 3.10.1. The safety of the athletes, production crew, event staff, venue staff, exhibitors, spectators and everyone in the execution of this event is the staff's top priority.
  - 3.10.2. The Competition Committee may implement safety guidelines based on recommendations from Federal, State, and Local officials along with the host venues and partner corporations' protocols in place at the time of the event. Safety guidelines will be provided to all participates (athletes, staff, etc.) prior to the start of the event.
  - 3.10.3. The Competition Committee reserves the right to follow up on any information received that an athlete may be experiencing adverse health conditions that could compromise the health other people. Pending the verification of this information, the Competition Committee may take the appropriate measures it deems

necessary to ensure the safety of all participants, personnel, and spectators of the event. These measures may range from added safety protocols to be exercised by the appropriate parties up to the removal of an athlete from the event.

- 3.11. **DEFINITION**: For avoidance of doubt and clarification as it applies to the Rodeo Corpus Christi WCRA Major, the following defines the eligible athletes for the Kid Rock's Rock 'N' Rodeo Free Riders Team.
  - 3.11.1. An eligible Athlete/Team has placed in the first or second place in the Kid Rock Rodeo Round (the final round of competition) in his/her discipline. To be an eligible Athlete/Team must meet all Kid Rock Rodeo eligibility requirements including the minimum age of 18 years of age. Eligible athletes from Rodeo Corpus Christi are eligible to be placed on the Kid Rock Rodeo Free Riders team. Ties between Athletes/Teams for second place in the Kid Rock Rodeo Round will be broken by the rules in Section 11.3 of these ground rules to determine who is declared an eligible athlete for the Kid Rock Rodeo.
    - 3.11.1.1. Bull Riding is not eligible for the Kid Rock Rodeo. The Bull Riding Event Champion advancement from RCC will be to the PBR World Finals Redemption Round in Fort Worth, TX on May 14-15, 2025.
- 3.12. Splits:
  - 3.12.1. All timed event splits must be declared one (1) hour before the event start time.

#### 3.13. Turn Outs and Non-Entries:

- 3.13.1. If an eligible athlete qualified via the RCC25 Leaderboard does not enter during the designated entry time period, they will be replaced by the next eligible alternate from the master event athlete list.
- 3.13.2. If an eligible athlete qualified via the RCC25 Leaderboard draws out of the event before entries close, their position will be filled by the next eligible alternate from the master event athlete list.
- 3.13.3. If an eligible athlete qualified via the RCC25 Leaderboard turns out of the event after entries close, their position will be filled by the next eligible alternate.
  - 3.13.3.1. The penalty for a notified turnout is \$500.00 or forfeiture of all entry fees, whichever is greater.
  - 3.13.3.2. The penalty for a non-notified turnout is \$500.00 plus forfeiture of all entry fees and/or applicable stock charges associated with the entry.
    - 3.13.3.2.1. The athlete will not be allowed to earn a competition position at the event in the same discipline via alternate qualifying methods.
- 3.13.4. If an athlete chooses not to participate for a "non- injury" related reason in the Kid Rock Rodeo Round, they will be assessed a penalty for a notified turnout in the amount of \$1,000.00. The penalty for a notified turnout after the turnout deadline or a non-notified turnout is \$1,000.00 plus any applicable entry fees and/or stock charges associated with the entry.
  - 3.13.4.1. Turnout Deadline 24 hours prior to the posted performance start time of the event.
  - 3.13.4.2. If an athlete turns out after the deadline, but before 18 hours of the posted performance time and a replacement participates in their place, the additional fees will be waived above the \$1,000 penalty.
- 3.13.5. Any athlete 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.
  - 3.13.5.1. The ineligible period will be determined by the WCRA Competition Committee and an event Promoter Representative.
- 3.13.6. Turn Out Due to Doctor Release: Athlete must give notice to Event Arena Secretary no later than 3 days before his/her scheduled Performance, or upon the occurrence of a physical injury if it occurs less than 3 days before the Performance. In order to be eligible to be Excused, the Athlete must provide, prior to Athlete's first scheduled competition time, a written medical doctor verification on doctor's letterhead bearing the doctor's name, address and phone number, signed by a licensed doctor explaining the injury and recommending that the Athlete not compete in the Event. The doctor's note must be dated no later than 3 days after the alleged injury occurred.
- 3.13.7. **Turn Out Due to Visible Injury:** An Athlete may turn out due to visible injury, provided notification of such a turn out is authorized by official Event Sports Medicine trainer or Event doctor at Event.
- 3.13.8. **Turn Out Due to Vet Releases:** Vet releases will only be accepted in the Barrel Racing Discipline and must be on signed letterhead from a licensed veterinarian.
- 3.13.9. **Non-Notified Turn Out:** Any athlete that is a Non-Notified Turn Out in a round competition will be also being listed as a Turn Out for all subsequent rounds of competition included any earned Advancement or Seeded rounds.
  - 3.13.9.1. Seeded Athletes that opt out of an eligible round of competition must notify WCRA of their intention not to participate in the early rounds of competition.

- 3.13.10. In the Team Roping, if a header or heeler notifies TO, NNTO, VIR, DR, or DO leaving an incomplete team, the next Athlete in the corresponding category (header or heeler) will be added to the team. If an alternate is not found prior to the Athlete's competition time, the remaining partner may select another partner from among any of the Event Athletes already entered in Event, except those scheduled to compete in that same Discipline that have not already entered the maximum allowed times.
- 3.13.11. Other: RCC25 Competition Committee may Excuse an Athlete from competing in a Performance, staying at the Performance for the designated times, or otherwise altering the terms of the Athlete Agreement, but only in its sole and absolute discretion.
  - 3.13.11.1. Due to PBR sanctioning of WCRA events, PBR Athletes that are required to participate in the PBR Unleash the Beast Tour, PBR World Finals or a PBR Teams event that also have qualified to the final performance of a WCRA Kid Rock Rodeo event will be excused from the final performance without penalty.

#### 4. Athlete Replacement Policy

- 4.1. Any replacements for an advancing open/vacated position in a subsequent round of competition of the event will be filled by the next eligible athlete/team from the previous section of competition (Wild Card Round or Progressive Rounds) standings of the performance the vacated position originally came from, if available.
  - 4.1.1.If athlete replacements have been exhausted or no replacement is available from the performance with the vacated advancement position, the next available athlete with the highest score or fastest time from the overall event will be eligible to fill the vacated position.
- 4.2. WCRA Competition Committee will determine when an athlete/team needs to be replaced and who the replacement athlete/team will be.
- 4.3. WCRA reserves the right to issue a replacement, at any time, to ensure a competitive field for competition.
  - 4.3.1. Honest Effort If an athlete does not compete fairly and in good faith, in a sportsmanlike and competitive manner, the WCRA Competition Committee may take action which may include disqualification from the event.
- 4.4. In the event an athlete is injured in Progressive Round and unable to participate in the Showdown Round, the next highest score or fastest time will advance.
  - 4.4.1. The injured athlete will receive the equivalent of the last place payout for the event. The advancing athlete that replaces the injured athlete in the Showdown/KRRR Round will receive the payout based on their performance in the Showdown/KRRR Round.
  - 4.4.2.In the team roping, if a partner is injured in Progressive Round and unable to complete in the Showdown Round, the next athlete from the aggregate standings in that respective discipline not already advancing, will then advance and replace the injured athlete in the KRRR Round.
- 4.5. Trades: Event format does not allow trades.
- 4.6. Timing & Scoring (moved to Section 9)
- 4.7. Stock Draw
  - 4.7.1.Timed Events:
    - 4.7.1.1. Stock will be drawn at least two hours prior to the start of the competition each performance.
    - 4.7.1.2. All rounds of competition, riding event stock will be drawn in order of:
      - 4.7.1.2.1.1. Wild Card Round athlete's WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard ranking per performance.
      - 4.7.1.2.2. Progressive Rounds -
        - 4.7.1.2.2.1. Round 1 -
          - 4.7.1.2.2.1.1. In order of the RCC25 Leaderboard #1-#6 seeded athletes
          - 4.7.1.2.2.1.2. In order of advancing athletes based on Wild Card Round results
        - 4.7.1.2.2.2. Round 2 based on Round 1 placement with highest placing athlete drawn first.
      - 4.7.1.2.3. Showdown Round based on Progressive Round Aggregate advancement order with highest placing athlete drawn first.
        - 4.7.1.2.3.1. Kid Rock Rodeo Round The stock will be drawn to a round position and assigned to the athlete based on the advancement placement into the KRRR round.
    - 4.7.1.3. If a timed event animal escapes, or a re-run is due for any other reason during a performance, the extra will be used. Only escaped animals go back into the herd.
    - 4.7.1.4. RCC25 Competition Committee reserves the right select the appropriate stock from the competition herd to be used in the Showdown and Kid Rock Rodeo rounds. Selection of this stock may or may not be based on previous competition times within a discipline. RCC25 Competition Committee may consult with athletes in each discipline to set these herds.
    - 4.7.1.5. Misdraw procedure will be determined by the event officials.
- 4.8. Riding Events:

- 4.8.1. Wild Card Round stock will be DRAWN based on the athlete's WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard ranking per performance.
- 4.8.2. Progressive & Showdown rounds The stock will be DRAWN as follows.
  - 4.8.2.1. Progressive Rounds
    - 4.8.2.1.1. Round 1 Draw order
      - 4.8.2.1.1.1. In order of the RCC25 Leaderboard #1-#6 seeded athletes
      - 4.8.2.1.1.2. In order of advancing athletes based on Wild Card Round results
    - 4.8.2.1.2. Round 2 DRAW ORDER based on Round 1 results with highest placing athlete drawn first.
  - 4.8.2.2. Showdown Round DRAW ORDER based on Progressive Round Aggregate advancement order with highest placing athlete drawn first.
  - 4.8.2.3. Kid Rock Rodeo Round stock will be drawn to a competition position. The athletes will be paired with their stock based on their advancement position to the KRR Round.
- 4.8.3. 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. Hand rake after every run
  - 5.1.2. During intermission between the Showdown & Kid Rock Rodeo rounds the ground will be worked.

#### 6. TEAM ROPING PAIRING & LEADERBOARD RULES

- 6.1. Athletes are not allowed to have more than one (1) identical Header/Heeler pairing combination at any time during the event.
  - 6.1.1.A paired combination must maintain the pairing during any advancement rounds the team has qualified to participate in as long as there are no identical team pairings participating in the event.
- 6.2. Once the competition pairings are set from the WCRA Leaderboard qualifiers; entries will open, and each individual Header and Heeler must enter the event through Nextgen Rodeo- app.nextgenrodeo.com
- 6.3. 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.
  - 6.3.1.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.
    - 6.3.1.1. Once an eligible athlete selects a competition partner from the field of entered and eligible athletes to complete the team pairing, the selected partner athlete will be required to pay all applicable nomination/entry fees. The added athlete will be eligible for all payouts and advancement opportunities.
- 6.4. WCRA Leaderboard -
  - 6.4.1. Each eligible athlete's individual point total from the final audited WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard as of April 10, 2025, will determine eligibility to participate into the RCC25.
    - 6.4.1.1. Segment RCC25 Leaderboard up to the top 16 Headers and up to the top 16 Heelers will be eligible to participate in Rodeo Corpus Christi.
      - 6.4.1.1.1. Combined partner point totals after the pairing deadline will determine the team's competition placement in the Wild Card Round.
      - 6.4.1.1.2. The #1-#6 teams based on combined leaderboard points will be seeded into the RCC25 Progressive Round.
      - 6.4.1.1.3. The #7-#16 teams based on combined leaderboard positions start competition in the WCRA Wild Card round.
    - 6.4.1.2. All references to a Team Roping ranking and/or competition position once the pairings have been confirmed will be based on the combined team's point total.
  - 6.4.2. At the conclusion of the segment cut off, all Headers and 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. The #7-#16 Leaderboard positions (based on combined points) in the WCRA Wild Card Round.
    - 6.4.3.2. The #1-#6 Leaderboard positions (based on combined points) are seeded into the Progressive Rounds.
- 6.5. Any heeler 55 years of age or older in addition to any female may tie on hard and fast. The athlete must notify the Official flagging the discipline if they are tied on.

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

7.1. WCRA Segment RCC25 Nominations

- 7.1.1. Open Monday, September 9, 2024 at 12:01am CT
- 7.1.2. Close Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 11:59pm CT
- 7.2. RCC25 Entries
  - 7.2.1.All RCC25 entries will be through the NextGen Rodeo entry application app.NextGenRodeo.com.
  - 7.2.2. Entries Open April 15, 2025 at 12:00pm CT
  - 7.2.3. Entries Close April 17, 2025 at 12:00pm CT
  - 7.2.4. All Disciplines: maximum of one (1) entry per discipline per eligible athlete
  - 7.2.5. Competition format negates the use of Priority Preferences while entering.
  - 7.2.6. Entry Fee -

7.2.6.1. Riding Events: complimentary entry for all eligible positions7.2.6.2. Timed Events: complimentary entry for all eligible positions

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

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

- 8. COMPETITION LOCATION: American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, TX
- 9. TIMING & SCORING / CHUTE CLOCKS
  - 9.1. All Timed Event disciplines (TIE DOWN ROPING, TEAM ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, BREAKAWAY ROPING, BARREL RACING) will use the KRRR Light System to start each competition run.
    - 9.1.1. Times in the Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, and Breakaway Roping will be recorded to the hundredths of a second.
    - 9.1.2. Barrel Racing times will be recorded to the thousandths of a second by electronic eyes. Dual timers eyes will be used. The primary set of timer eyes (PBR scoring system) will be the primary recorded time. The secondary timer eyes (FarmTek) will be the first back up time used. Handheld stopwatches will be the second backup if needed.
    - 9.1.3. If backup times from stopwatches are required to be used at any time during the event competition a minimum of two (2) handheld stopwatches will be used and averaged to record times to the tenths of a second.

#### 9.2. TIMED EVENTS - TIE DOWN ROPING, TEAM ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, BREAKAWAY ROPING

- 9.2.1.A variation from the Kid Rock's Rock 'N Rodeo in Arlington, TX, Rodeo Corpus Christi will NOT be head-to-head match ups in any discipline. All competition runs will be individual but ran under the KRRR Light System to start each competition run.
- 9.2.2.There will be a maximum time of 0:36 Seconds for all Timed Event Disciplines competition runs to start.9.2.2.1. Once the time starts, the athlete will have up to 0:25 seconds to complete their competition run to record a qualified time. If the competition run is not completed in the allotted time, the athlete will receive a No Time.
- 9.2.3. There will be no traditional barrier at RCC to start the run time. The RCC will utilize the KRRR Light System, a drag racing style Christmas tree, which will go from a blue light to a single Red light to Double Red lights to a Yellow light to a final Green light.
- 9.2.4.In all Timed Events, Teams may have a helper with them in the box.
- 9.2.5. The Head Official will be positioned with a clear view of the arena. He will have a timer and will trigger the time when appropriate to signify the "Arena Clear" and the blue lights will appear. There will be :20 seconds on the clock. The Head Official will have the discretion to stop that clock if the Head Official deems necessary, and for the safety of both the animals and the athletes.
- 9.2.6.As soon as the previous animal leaves the arena and the "Arena Clear" announcement comes across, the Head Official will start the 0:20 Second Clock.
  - 9.2.6.1. Athletes competing in a discipline must be staged at the gate and ready to enter the arena when the blue light appears.
  - 9.2.6.2. The blue light signifies the 0:20 Second time period an athlete has to ride into the box and begin to get ready.
- 9.2.7.At the end of the 0:20 Seconds, the single Red light will appear "Red 1". "Red 1" will last for 0:10 seconds.

  Once the clock is on Red 1, the clock cannot be stopped for any reason with the exception of an obvious and urgent safety concern in the arena.
- 9.2.8.At the end of that 0:10 Seconds (Red 1), the second Red light, "Red 2" will be announced and "Red 2" lasts for 0:03 seconds.
- 9.2.9. At the end of those three seconds, the light will turn Yellow for 0:03 seconds.
- 9.2.10. At the end of the three seconds with the light being yellow, the light will flip to Green, and the headgate of the roping chute will open, and the competition time will begin.

- 9.2.10.1. If the chute fails to operate as intended, with the gate automatically opening once the light turns Green, two (2) times within a round of competition for a discipline; the remainder of that round in that discipline the chute gate will be operated manually.
- 9.2.10.2. If the chute open prior to the light turning Green, the athlete must pull up and not attempt to complete a run. The athlete will get a rerun on the next available extra animal in the draw.
- 9.2.11. All timed events except for Barrel Racing will be timed to the hundredths of a second. Barrel Racing will be to the thousandths.
- 9.2.12. The start time will start automatically as the light turns green.
- 9.2.13. There will be two timers that will stop the time using the event's timing system plungers when the Field Flagger in the arena drops the flag at the end of the run.
- 9.2.14. The timers will also use handheld stopwatches for a backup time. The backup time will start when the headgate of the roping chute opens when the light turns green. The backup time will be stopped simultaneously with the official time when the Field Flagger in the arena drops the flag at the end of the run. The backup times will be timed to the tenths of a second and averaged for the official backup time.
- 9.2.15. A Line of Scrimmage will be used in the Roping Box and the position of the electric eye will be set for each discipline.
  - 9.2.15.1. The Electric Eyes are "hot" or on when the light turns Red 2.
  - 9.2.15.2. The athlete's horse may not cross the Line of Scrimmage prior to the Green Light flashing.
  - 9.2.15.3. An Athlete's helper may not cross the Line of Scrimmage or break the electric eye beam for any reason once the lights turn to Red 2. If the helper crosses the Line of Scrimmage during Red 2 the Athlete will be accessed a 0:10 second penalty or during the Yellow light the Athlete will be accessed a 0:05 second penalty.
- 9.2.16. If it is deemed that an athlete leaves the box on **RED 2** in any timed event discipline, that infraction will result in a 0:10 Second Penalty.
- 9.2.17. If it is deemed that an athlete leaves the box on **YELLOW** in any timed event discipline, that infraction will result in a 0:05 Second Penalty.
- 9.2.18. If there are any gate or clock malfunctions in the arena, the Athlete competing that is fouled or has the clock error will receive a re-run.

#### 9.3. Barrel Racing

- 9.3.1.A variation from the Kid Rock's Rock 'N Rodeo in Arlington, TX, Rodeo Corpus Christi will NOT be head-to-head match ups in any discipline. All competition runs will be individual but ran under the KRRR Light System to start each competition run.
- 9.3.2. There will be a maximum time of 0:36 Seconds for all Barrel Racing competition runs to start.
- 9.3.3. There will be no traditional electric eye timer line at RCC to start the run time. RCC will utilize the KRRR Light System. a drag racing style "Christmas Tree", which will go from a Single Red light to Double Red lights to a Yellow light to a final Green light
- 9.3.4. The Head Official will have a timer and there will be 0:20 seconds on the clock. The Head Official will have the discretion to stop that clock if the Head Official deems necessary and for safety of athletes and animals.
- 9.3.5.As soon as the previous animal leaves the arena and the "Arena Clear" announcement comes across, the Head Official will start the 0:20 Second Clock.
- 9.3.6. That 0:20 Seconds signifies the amount of time an athlete has to ride up to the holding area and begin to get ready.
- 9.3.7.At the end of the 0:20 Seconds, the Single Red light will appear "Red 1". "Red 1" will last for 0:10 seconds. Once at Red 1, the clock cannot be stopped for any reason with the exception of an obvious and urgent safety concern in the arena.
- 9.3.8.At the end of that 0:10 Seconds, the second Red light "Red 2" will be announced and "Red 2" lasts for 0:03 seconds.
- 9.3.9. At the end of those three seconds, the light will turn Yellow for 0:03 seconds.
- 9.3.10. At the end of the three seconds with the light being yellow, the light will flip to Green, and the clock will start.
- 9.3.11. Barrel Racing will be timed to the thousandths of a second. The start time will start automatically as the gate opens when the lights turn green.
  - 9.3.11.1. Double stacked electric eyes will be used. A primary set will be designated as the official time. The Line of Scrimmage electric eyes will be placed at the mouth of the center outgate. The second set will be designated as the first back up time. Time will start when the light flips to green.

- 9.3.11.2. There will be another set of double stacked electric eyes in the arena used to stop the time. The time will stop the time using the event's timing system electric eyes when the horse crosses the timer line.
- 9.3.12. The timers will also use handheld stopwatches for a second backup time. The time will start when the light turns green. The time will be stopped when the Field Flagger in the arena drops the flag at the end of the run. The backup times will be timed to the tenths of a second and averaged for the official backup time.
- 9.3.13. The center outgate between the bucking chutes will remain open at all times during the Barrel Racings.
  - 9.3.13.1. Barrel Racers will have the following options on how they enter the arena:
    - 9.3.13.1.1. Wait outside the back-alley gate until the Red 2 light turns on. Once the Red 2 light turns on the horse must be in the alley.
    - 9.3.13.1.2. Enter the alley at any time starting at the Blue Light up to the start of the Red 2 light.
    - 9.3.13.1.3. Wait in the alley behind a closed middle alley gate, located approximately at the halfway point in they (at the garage door). The Athlete will need to have a designated helper to open the gate when they are instructed by the Athlete.
- 9.3.14. A Line of Scrimmage will be used at the opening of the designated holding area just inside the gate.
  - 9.3.14.1. The athlete's horse may not cross the Line of Scrimmage prior to the Green Light flashing. If the athlete's horse crosses the Line of Scrimmage early, they will be penalized.
  - 9.3.14.2. If any athlete leaves the alley and crosses the Line of Scrimmage on or before Red 2 light the athlete will receive a 0:15 Second Penalty.
  - 9.3.14.3. If any athlete leaves the alley and crosses the Line of Scrimmage on a yellow light (3 seconds before green), the athlete will receive a 0:5 Second Penalty.
- 9.3.15. The athlete will be allowed to let their horse to move around within the designated holding area prior to the Green Light flashing.
- 9.3.16. One helper (on foot or horseback) is allowed to assist the athlete prior to the start of the run inside the alley. The helper is not allowed to cross the Line of Scrimmage for any reason at any time. If the helper (or helper's horse) breaks the Line of Scrimmage, in advance of the competing athlete's horse, the athlete will be accessed a 0:15 Second Penalty if before yellow and a :05 second penalty if on yellow. If the helper is on horseback inside the alley they must exit the back-alley gate prior to the athlete returning from their run.
- 9.3.17. Once the athlete enters the alley the back-alley gate will be closed and the rider will run to a closed back alley gate at the end of the run.

#### 9.4. RIDING EVENTS - BAREBACK RIDING, SADDLE BRONC RIDING, BULL RIDING

- 9.4.1.In the riding events, the Athletes will have 0:45 seconds from the time they are told they are up by the back judge until they have to nod their head or verbally call for the chute gate to be opened to start the ride.
  - 9.4.1.1. The 0:45 Second Clock can be stopped at the discretion of the Head Official, and then restarted at the discretion of the Head Official.
    - 9.4.1.1.1. Failure to call for the chute gate to be opened before the 0:45 second clock runs out will result in a disqualification and a no score in that round of competition.
- 9.4.2. Riding Event disciplines will be scored in half points for both athlete and animal.
  - 9.4.2.1. Two field officials will mark both athlete and animal.
  - 9.4.2.2. Two back judges will start the chute clock time, the ride time and watch for fouls.

#### 10. WILD CARD ROUND

## 10.1. ALL DISCIPLINES – BAREBACK RIDING, SADDLE BRONC RIDING, BULL RIDING, TIE DOWN ROPING, TEAM ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, BREAKAWAY ROPING, BARREL RACING 10.2.

- 10.2.1. CONSISTS OF:
  - 10.2.1.1. ONE (1) full round of competition
  - 10.2.1.2. Up to 10 athletes/teams Leaderboard athletes #7-#16
    - 10.2.1.2.1. The Wild Card Round will be held on May 7.
  - 10.2.1.3. Competition Order
    - 10.2.1.3.1. Tie Down, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Breakaway Roping Reverse order of the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard
    - 10.2.1.3.2. Barrel Racing based on WCRA leaderboard positions (top of the leaderboard, top of the ground)
    - 10.2.1.3.3. Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding Reverse order of the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard
    - 10.2.1.3.4.

#### 10.2.2. ADVANCEMENT FROM THE WILD CARD ROUND TO PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS:

- 10.2.2.1.1. All Disciplines:
- 10.2.2.1.2. Top 4 fastest times/highest scores from Wild Card Round
- 10.2.3. TIE-BREAKERS:
  - 10.2.3.1. Timed Events:
    - 10.2.3.1.1. Highest ranked athlete/team on the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboards
  - 10.2.3.2. Riding Events:
    - 10.2.3.2.1. Highest combined athlete ride score from Wild Card Round
    - 10.2.3.2.2. Any one official with the highest athlete ride score from Wild Card Round
    - 10.2.3.2.3. Longest Ride Time in the Round.
    - 10.2.3.2.4. Highest ranked athlete on the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboards

#### 11. PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS

## 11.1. ALL DICIPLINES – BAREBACK RIDING, SADDLE BRONC RIDING, BULL RIDING, TIE DOWN ROPING, TEAM ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, BREAKAWAY ROPING, BARREL RACING

- 11.1.1. CONSISTS OF:
  - 11.1.1.1. Two (2) full rounds of competition
  - 11.1.1.2. Eligible Athletes:
    - 11.1.1.2.1. Riding Events and Timed Events Up to 10 athletes
      - 11.1.1.2.1.1. 6 RCC25 Leaderboard #1-#6 seeded athletes
      - 11.1.1.2.1.2. 4 Advancing athletes from the Wild Card Round
  - 11.1.1.3. Competition Order
    - 11.1.1.3.1. Riding Events:
      - 11.1.1.3.1.1. Round 1: Reverse order of the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard
      - 11.1.1.3.1.2. Round 2: Reverse order of round 1 results
    - 11.1.1.3.2. Barrel Racing
      - 11.1.1.3.2.1. Round 1:
        - 11.1.1.3.2.1.1.Competition Positions 1-6 in order of the RCC25 Leaderboard #1-#6 seeded athletes
        - 11.1.1.3.2.1.2. Competition Positions 7-10 in order of advancing athletes based on Wild Card Round results
      - 11.1.1.3.2.2. Round 2 in order of Round 1 competition results
    - 11.1.1.3.3. Timed Events Tie Down Roping, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping 11.1.1.3.3.1. Round 1:
      - 11.1.1.3.3.1.1.Competition Positions 1-4 Reverse order of advancing athletes based on Wild Card Round results
      - 11.1.1.3.3.2. Competition Positions 5-10 Reverse order of the RCC25 Leaderboard #1-#6 seeded athletes
      - 11.1.1.3.3.3. Round 2
        - 11.1.1.3.3.3.1.TIE DOWN ROPING, TEAM ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, BREAKAWAY ROPING Reverse order of Round 1 competition results
        - 11.1.1.3.3.3.2. BARREL RACING In order of Round 1 competition results
- 11.1.2. ADVANCEMENT FROM PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS TO SHOWDOWN ROUND
  - 11.1.2.1. BAREBACK RIDING, SADDLE BRONC RIDING, BULL RIDING, TIE DOWN ROPING, TEAM ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, BREAKAWAY ROPING, (except BARREL RACING)
    - 11.1.2.1.1. Progressive Round 1 Winner
    - 11.1.2.1.2. Progressive Round 2 Winner
    - 11.1.2.1.3. Top 4 from Progressive Rounds 2 head Aggregate
    - 11.1.2.2. BARREL RACING will not be held in the Showdown Round Barrel Racing advancement from Progressive Rounds will be directly to the KRRR Round using the same criteria listed in this section.
      - 11.1.2.2.1. In the event an athlete is injured in Progressive Round and unable to participate in the Showdown Round, the next eligible athlete from the round/aggregate with the vacated position will advance.
      - 11.1.2.2.2. In the team roping, if a partner is injured in Progressive Round and unable to participate in the Showdown Round, the next athlete in that respective discipline from the aggregate with the vacated position will then advance and replace the injured athlete in the Showdown Round.
    - 11.1.2.3. In the Timed Events:
      - 11.1.2.3.1. If there are no qualified times in a Progressive Round performance, no athlete(s) will advance based on that performance's results. The vacated advancing position will be based on the aggregate results of the combined Progressive Round performances.

- 11.1.2.3.2. If no qualified times or not enough qualified times are available, from the combined Progressive Round performances, all remaining advancing positions will be based on the RCC25 Leaderboard rank.
- 11.1.2.4. In the Riding Events:
  - 11.1.2.4.1. If there are no qualified scores in a Progressive Round performance, no athlete(s) will advance based on that performance's results. The vacated advancing position will be based on the aggregate results of the combined Progressive Round performances.
  - 11.1.2.4.2. If no qualified scores or not enough qualified scores are available, from the combined Progressive Round performances, all remaining advancing positions will be based on the longest ride times from the combined Progressive Round Performances.
- 11.1.3. TIE-BREAKERS:
  - 11.1.3.1. Timed Events:
    - 11.1.3.1.1. Fastest time in Progressive Round 2
    - 11.1.3.1.2. Fastest time in Progressive Round 1
    - 11.1.3.1.3. Highest ranked athlete/team on the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboards
  - 11.1.3.2. Riding Events:
    - 11.1.3.2.1. Highest Round Score in Progressive Round 2
    - 11.1.3.2.2. Highest Round Score in Progressive Round 1
    - 11.1.3.2.3. Highest total combined athlete ride score in any Progressive Round
    - 11.1.3.2.4. Any one official with the highest athlete ride score in any Progressive Round
    - 11.1.3.2.5. Longest Ride Time in any Progressive Round.
    - 11.1.3.2.6. Highest ranked athlete on the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboards

#### 11.2. SHOWDOWN ROUND FORMAT:

- 11.2.1. CONSISTS OF:
  - 11.2.1.1. One (1) full round of competition
    - 11.2.1.1.1. No scores/times advance from previous rounds except for use in tiebreakers
  - 11.2.1.2. Up to 6 athletes/teams
    - 11.2.1.2.1. Progressive Round 1 Winner
    - 11.2.1.2.2. Progressive Round 2 Winner
    - 11.2.1.2.3. Top 4 from Progressive Rounds 2 head Aggregate
  - 11.2.1.3. Competition Order
    - 11.2.1.3.1. Riding Events in reverse order of Progressive Round aggregate qualification
      - 11.2.1.3.1.1. 6<sup>th</sup> Highest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.1.2. 5<sup>th</sup> Highest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.1.3. 4<sup>th</sup> Highest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.1.4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.1.5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.1.6. Highest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
    - 11.2.1.3.2. Timed Events in reverse order of Progressive Round aggregate qualification
      - 11.2.1.3.2.1. 6<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.2.2. 5<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.2.3. 4<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.2.4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.2.5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.2.1.3.2.6. Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
    - 11.2.1.3.3. Barrel Racing not held in Showdown Round
- 11.2.2. The Showdown & KRRR Rounds combined payout will consist of a total prize money payout of \$27,500 in each discipline (inclusive of guaranteed appearance fee). The payout table is listed in the Payout section below.
- 11.2.3. SHOWDOWN ROUND TIE BREAKS:
  - 11.2.3.1. TIMED EVENTS:
    - 11.2.3.1.1. Highest placing aggregate position from Progressive Rounds
    - 11.2.3.1.2. Fastest time in any Progressive Round
    - 11.2.3.1.3. Highest placing aggregate position from Wild Card Round
    - 11.2.3.1.4. Fastest time in any Wild Card
    - 11.2.3.1.5. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment RCC25) (In Team Roping, the total combined Team points RCC25 Leaderboard will be used to determine a team's ranking.)
  - 11.2.3.2. RIDING EVENTS:
    - 11.2.3.2.1. Highest placing aggregate position from Progressive Rounds

- 11.2.3.2.2. Highest total combined round score in any Progressive Rounds
- 11.2.3.2.3. Any one official with the highest athlete ride score in the Progressive Rounds
- 11.2.3.2.4. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard
- 11.2.4. ADVANCEMENT FROM SHOWDOWN ROUND TO KRRR ROUND
  - 11.2.4.1. Top 3 fastest times/highest scores
    - 11.2.4.1.1. In the event an athlete is injured in Showdown Round and unable to participate in the Showdown Round, the next eligible athlete from the round with the vacated position will advance.
    - 11.2.4.1.2. In the team roping, if a partner is injured in Showdown Round and unable to participate in the KRRR round, the next athlete in that respective discipline from the round of the vacated position will then advance and replace the injured athlete in the KRRR round.
    - 11.2.4.1.3. If there are no qualified times in a Showdown Round performance, no athlete(s) will advance based on that performance's results. The vacated advancing position will be based on the Progressive aggregate results of the combined Progressive Round performances.
      - 11.2.4.1.3.1. If no qualified times or not enough qualified times are available, from the combined Progressive Round performances, all remaining advancing positions will be based on the RCC25 Leaderboard rank.
  - 11.2.4.2. In the Riding Events:
    - 11.2.4.2.1. If there are no qualified scores in a Showdown Round performance, no athlete(s) will advance based on that performance's results. The vacated advancing position will be based on the aggregate results of the combined Showdown Round performance.
    - 11.2.4.2.2. If no qualified scores or not enough qualified scores are available, from the combined Showdown Round performances, all remaining advancing positions will be based on the RCC25 Leaderboard rank.

#### 11.3. KID ROCK RODEO ROUND FORMAT:

- 11.3.1. CONSISTS OF:
  - 11.3.1.1. One (1) full round of competition
    - 11.3.1.1.1. No scores/times advance from previous rounds except for use in tiebreakers
  - 11.3.1.2. Up to 3 athletes/teams fastest times/highest scores from Showdown Round
  - 11.3.1.3. Barrel Racing up to 6 athletes
    - 11.3.1.3.1.1. Progressive Round 1 Winner
    - 11.3.1.3.1.2. Progressive Round 2 Winner
    - 11.3.1.3.1.3. Top 4 from Progressive Rounds 2 head Aggregate
  - 11.3.1.4. Competition Order
    - 11.3.1.4.1. Riding Events in reverse order of Showdown Round qualification
    - 11.3.1.4.2. Timed Events in reverse order of Showdown Round qualification
    - 11.3.1.4.3. Barrel Racing in order of Progressive Round aggregate qualification
      - 11.3.1.4.3.1. Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.3.1.4.3.2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.3.1.4.3.3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.3.1.4.3.4. 4<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.3.1.4.3.5. 5<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
      - 11.3.1.4.3.6. 6<sup>th</sup> Fastest 2 head Aggregate time from Progressive Round Performances
- 11.3.2. The Showdown & KRRR Rounds combined payout will consist of a total prize money payout of \$31,500 in each discipline (inclusive of guaranteed appearance fee). The payout table is listed in the Payout section below.
- 11.3.3. All athletes competing in the KRRR Round (except Barrel Racing), that recorded a qualified score/time in Showdown Round, are guaranteed a minimum payment of \$3,000.
- 11.3.4. If, in the KRRR Round, no athletes make a qualified score/time, the athletes will earn the minimum guaranteed appearance fee payment and the remaining will not be paid out. If there are no qualified scores/times in the KRRR Round, there will not be an event champion.
- 11.3.5. Each athlete is guaranteed the minimum appearance fee payment of \$500.00 if they do not record a qualified score/time in either the Showdown Round or the KRRR Round.
- 11.3.6. KRRR ROUND TIE BREAKS:
  - 11.3.6.1. TIMED EVENTS:
    - 11.3.6.1.1. Fastest time in Showdown Round
    - 11.3.6.1.2. Highest placing aggregate position from Progressive Rounds
    - 11.3.6.1.3. Fastest time in any Progressive Round

- 11.3.6.1.4. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA Leaderboard (Segment RCC25) (In Team Roping, the total combined Team points RCC25 Leaderboard will be used to determine a team's ranking.)
- 11.3.6.2. RIDING EVENTS:
  - 11.3.6.2.1. Highest total combined athlete ride score in Showdown Round
  - 11.3.6.2.2. Any one official with the highest athlete ride score in Showdown Round
  - 11.3.6.2.3. Highest placing aggregate position from Progressive Rounds
  - 11.3.6.2.4. Highest total combined round score in any Progressive Rounds
  - 11.3.6.2.5. Any one official with the highest athlete ride score in the Progressive Rounds
  - 11.3.6.2.6. The highest ranked athlete on the WCRA RCC25 Leaderboard
- 11.4. PAYOUT: listed below in the Payout section of these ground rules

#### 12. INSTANT REPLAY RULING CHALLENGE

12.1. INSTANT REPLAY RULING CHALLENGE (IRRC): Instant Replay will be in effect for all rounds of competition. The IRRC rules are included in the WCRA Rules of Competition available at <a href="https://www.WCRArodeo.com">www.WCRArodeo.com</a> or at <a href="https://www.wcrarodeo.com">RULES LINK</a>.

#### 13. RODEO CORPUS CHRISTI PAYOUTS

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

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

#### 13.1. WILD CARD ROUND PAYOUT:

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

13.1.1.1. 1^{ST} - $2,500

13.1.1.2. 2^{ND} - $1,000

13.1.1.3. 3^{RD} - $611.11
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#### 13.2. PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS PAYOUT:

- 13.2.1. PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS per performance (\$8,500 per discipline)
  - 13.2.1.1.  $1^{ST} \$5,000$ 13.2.1.2.  $2^{ND} - \$2,500$ 13.2.1.3.  $3^{RD} - \$1,000$
- 13.2.2. PROGRESSIVE ROUNDS AGGREGATE (\$8,500 per discipline)
  - 13.2.2.1.  $1^{ST} \$5,000$ 13.2.2.2.  $2^{ND} - \$2,500$ 13.2.2.3.  $3^{RD} - \$1,000$

#### 14. SHOWDOWN & KRRR ROUNDS PAYOUT:

- 14.1. The Showdown & KRRR Rounds combined payouts will consist of a total payout per the chart below in each discipline (\$31,500 per discipline inclusive of the guaranteed appearance fee)
- 14.2. The Showdown & KRRR Rounds combined payouts will pay the following in every discipline (except Barrel Racing):

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14.2.1. 1ST - $18,000 (paid in KRRR Round)
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- 14.2.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> \$9,000 (paid in KRRR Round)
- 14.2.3. 3<sup>RD</sup> \$3,000 (paid in KRRR Round)
- 14.2.4. 4<sup>TH</sup> \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee paid in Showdown Round)
- 14.2.5. 5<sup>TH</sup> \$500 (quaranteed appearance fee paid in Showdown Round)
- 14.2.6. 6<sup>TH</sup> \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee paid in Showdown Round)
- 14.3. The KRRR Round of competition will pay the following for Barrel Racing:

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14.3.1. 1^{ST} - $18,000
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- 14.3.2. 2<sup>ND</sup> \$9,000
- 14.3.3.  $3^{RD} \$3,000$
- 14.3.4.  $4^{TH} $500$  (guaranteed appearance fee)
- 14.3.5. 5<sup>TH</sup> \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee)
- 14.3.6. 6<sup>TH</sup> \$500 (guaranteed appearance fee)

#### 15. GROUND MONEY

- 15.1. In the case of not having enough scores or times in an event discipline, there will be ground money.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. If there are no qualified scores or times within a round of competition, no ground money will be paid out.

#### **EXHIBIT A**



2024 Program Rules

#### REVISED 2024 RRVRQ RULES - POST 2024 RODEO CAROLINA CANCELLATION

(Red Text and strike-through text is intentional to denote updates)

#### 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 <a href="https://app.wcrarodeo.com/terms-of-use">https://app.wcrarodeo.com/terms-of-use</a> ("Terms of Use") and privacy policy that can be found on our website at <a href="https://app.wcrarodeo.com/privacy-policy">https://app.wcrarodeo.com/privacy-policy</a> ("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:
  - o 1st Place \$25,000.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$10.000.00
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$7,500.00
  - o 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 extended through April 6, 2025

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 4/6/25)
- 2024 Rodeo Carolina (events nominated 3/11/24 through 9/8/24) POINT EARNED DURING RNC24 SEGMENT WILL BE ROLLED INTO RCC25 SEGMENT, IF NOT ATHLETE DID NOT REQUEST A VRQ REFUND.
- 2025 Rodeo Carolina (events nominated 3/10/25 through 4/6/25)
- 2025 Rodeo Corpus Christi (events nominated 9/7/24 through 4/6/25)
  - 2025 Rodeo Corpus Christi will be the finale (Program Finale) for the 2024 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 following the 2025 Rodeo Corpus Christi event.

#### 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 <u>here</u>. 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	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 LEADERBAORD

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	Triple Crown of Rodeo Round
Place	Rounds	Aggregate	Rounds	Aggregate	applicable)	Noueo Nouria
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.

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	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	Triple Crown of Rodeo Round	
Place	Rounds	Aggregate	Rounds	Aggregate	applicable)	Trodeo Trodita	
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 CORPUS CHRISTI):

Elevated Bonus Event World Points (4X multiplier) will be available to Athletes that qualify, enter and participate at the WCRA Rodeo Corpus Christi scheduled for May 7-11, 2025 [and Athletes] will be automatically eligible to earn Event World Points without a nomination for any disciplines at the event.

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. (Wild Card Round is eligible for World Points)

EVENT WORLD POINTS – RRVRQ FINALE						
4X PTS			D1	D1		
	Wild Card Round	Progressive Rounds		Triple Crown of		
Place	Round	Rounds	Aggregate	Rodeo Round		
1	1600	1600	2700	2700		
2	1200	1200	2026	2026		
3	960	960	1620	1620		
4	864	864	1458	1458		
5	778	778	1312	1312		
6	700	700	1180	1180		
7	630	630	1062	1062		
8	566	566	956	956		
9	510	510	860	860		
10	460	460	774	774		

The Event World Points above only apply to the 2024 VRQ Champion Bonus Program.

**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 Corpus Christi event
- Most prize money earned in the WCRA Rodeo Carolina Corpus Christi event

#### 7. FAIR COMPETITION AND CONDUCT.

Each Athlete agrees to compete in the VRQ Champion Program fairly and in good faith, in accordance with applicable laws and all rules, guidelines or codes of conduct applicable to the VRQ Champion Program. WCRA reserves the right in its sole discretion, immediately and without prior notice or liability to the Athlete, to disqualify any Athlete, suspend or terminate an Athlete's ability to participate in the VRQ Champion Program, or refuse to award all or any portion of an Award to an Athlete, and require the return of all or any portion of an Award (upon notice) from an Athlete, if the WCRA determines, in its sole discretion, that such Athlete, by way of example and not limitation, engages in or is suspected to have engaged in conduct WCRA deems to be improper, unfair or adverse to the operation of the VRQ Champion Program, or detrimental to other Athletes or WCRA, is not 13 years old at the time of registration, resides in a jurisdiction where participation is prohibited by law, is suspected of cheating, colluding with other Athletes or violating these Program Rules or any rules applicable to the VRQ Champion Program, falsifies personal information during registration or when claiming an Award, attempts to influence the outcome or results of any discipline eligible for the VRQ Champion Program, abuses, harasses, impersonates, intimidates or threatens other Athletes, violates any code of conduct or similar policy or guidelines that may be adopted by WCRA from time to time (including, if applicable, prohibitions against animal cruelty. domestic abuse or other designated categories of immoral conduct) or violates the Terms of Use or Privacy Policy of the WCRA's website or the VRQ App. Each Athlete acknowledges that WCRA's forfeiture and/or return of any prize or suspension or termination of an Athlete's ability to participate in the VRQ Champion Program shall in no way prevent WCRA from also pursuing criminal or civil proceedings in connection with such conduct.

#### 8. LEGAL DISCLAIMERS

<u>Changes to these Program Rules</u>. Except for provisions regarding binding arbitration and waiver of class action rights, WCRA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time, to add to, delete from, change, modify or replace all or any part of these Program Rules and/or impose new terms and conditions on the VRQ Champion Program, which additions, changes or modifications, shall be effective immediately upon posting on the website, the VRQ App or by other means by which Athletes may obtain notice. The most current version of these Program Rules will be posted on the WCRA's <u>website</u> and the WCRA App. Each Athlete is solely responsible for reviewing and becoming familiar with any such modifications, and an Athlete's continued participation in the VRQ Champion Program shall constitute acceptance of such changes, modifications or additions. In addition, WCRA reserves the right to cancel the VRQ

Champion Program or any discipline receiving an Award at any time in its sole discretion without any further obligations hereunder.

Taxes. Each Athlete that receives an Award is solely responsible for reporting and paying all applicable taxes and fees associated with the receipt or use of all or any portion of the Award. The WCRA is authorized to withhold from the Award any amount as required by law (including any backup withholding), and each Athlete that receives an Award hereby authorizes the WCRA to withhold any amount that the WCRA is required to withhold with respect to such Award. Each Athlete that receives an Award must provide to the WCRA the appropriate IRS form(s) (e.g., Form W-9, Form W-8BEN). To the extent required by law, the WCRA will send to each Athlete that receives an Award an IRS Form 1099-MISC showing the value of the Award as "nonemployee compensation."

<u>Trademarks</u>. The name "Reliance Ranches VRQ Points Champion Bonus" and all logos and other trademarks used in connection therewith are the sole and exclusive property of the WCRA.

#### 9. WAIVER, RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the VRQ Champion Program and its associated events and activities, each Athlete acknowledges that rodeo is an inherently dangerous activity that exposes event participants to serious and significant risks, including risks of personal injury, death and damage to property.

BEING FULLY AWARE OF ALL SUCH RISKS, IN CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VRQ CHAMPION PROGRAM AND ANY ASSOCIATED OR RELEVANT EVENTS, INCLUDING EVENTS ELIGIBLE FOR VRQ POINTS, EACH ATHLETE KNOWINGLY ASSUMES THE RISK OF COMPETING IN THE VRQ CHAMPION PROGRAM AND SUCH EVENTS, PRESENT AND FUTURE, ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF OR HERSELF AND HIS OR HER HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, AND DOES HEREBY RELEASE, ACQUIT AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, OBLIGATIONS, DEMANDS, CAUSES OF ACTION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER - WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN; SUSPECTED OR CLAIMED; REAL, POTENTIAL OR HYPOTHETICAL; DISCLOSED OR UNDISCLOSED; EXISTING OR CONTINGENT; SOUNDING IN LAW, EQUITY OR OTHERWISE IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE - AGAINST WCRA AND EACH OF ITS PARENTS, AFFILIATES, PREDECESSORS, SUCCESSORS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICIALS, AGENTS, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EMPLOYEES, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, INSURERS, OWNERS AND, IF APPLICABLE, LESSORS OF PREMISES USED TO CONDUCT THE EVENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTIVITIES WHEREVER CONDUCTED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "RELEASEES") WITH RESPECT TO (A) GROSS NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE OR NEGLIGENCE PER SE (WHETHER SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT) OF ANY RELEASEE, STRICT LIABILITY OR PREMISES LIABILITY; (B) PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE; (C) ACTS OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN OR ATTENDEES OR GUESTS AT ANY VRQ CHAMPION PROGRAM EVENTS, EVENTS ELIGIBLE FOR VRQ POINTS, OR ANY PERSONNEL AT THE APPLICABLE VENUES; AND (D) ANY OTHER RISKS OR HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE VRQ CHAMPION PROGRAM AND ITS RELATED EVENTS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE APPLICABLE VENUES, EXPOSURE TO WILD OR DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND DRIVING OR RIDING IN ANY VEHICLE. WHETHER BELONGING TO A RELEASEE OR ANOTHER PERSON (COLLECTIVELY, THE "RELEASED CLAIMS"). WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, EACH ATHLETE AGREES THAT NO RELEASEE WILL BE LIABLE TO ANY ATHLETE, HIS OR HER FAMILY OR THEIR GUESTS FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR ANY OTHER CLAIM ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THE ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION IN, OR SUCH OTHER PERSON'S ATTENDANCE AT, THE VRQ CHAMPION PROGRAM OR ITS RELATED OR ASSOCIATED EVENTS.

#### 10. INDEMNITY

EACH ATHLETE, FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF AND ON BEHALF OF HIS OR HER HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL DAMAGES, CLAIMS, LOSSES, DEMANDS, COSTS, EXPENSES (INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS), OBLIGATIONS, LIENS, LIABILITIES, ACTIONS AND CAUSES OF ACTION, THREATENED OR ACTUAL, THAT ANY ONE OF THE RELEASEES MAY SUFFER OR INCUR ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH: (A) THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ATHLETE IN THE VRQ CHAMPION PROGRAM OR ITS RELATED OR ASSOCIATED EVENTS; (B) A BREACH OF THESE PROGRAM RULES BY THE ATHLETE; (C) ATHLETE'S NON-PAYMENT OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES OR CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED OR IMPOSED UNDER WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, SOCIAL SECURITY OR INCOME TAX LAWS WITH RESPECT TO THE ATHLETE'S (OR HIS OR HER PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S, IF APPLICABLE) POTENTIAL INCOME FROM AN AWARD; (D) CLAIM FOR BENEFITS BY EACH ATHLETE OR HIS OR HER EMPLOYEES UNDER HEALTH, LIFE, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, UNEMPLOYMENT OR OTHER SIMILAR INSURANCE; OR (E) LIABILITIES, LOSSES, DAMAGES,

COSTS OR EXPENSES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH OR ARISING OUT OF A RELEASED CLAIM. THE FOREGOING INDEMNIFICATION SHALL SURVIVE ANY TERMINATION OR THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THESE PROGRAM RULES.

#### 11. ARBITRATION

If there is any dispute, claim, question or disagreement concerning or relating to these Program Rules or the VRQ Champion Program (a "Dispute"), an Athlete (and the Athlete's parent or legal guardian if the Athlete is a minor) shall notify WCRA in writing to attempt to resolve such Dispute in good faith negotiations. For a period of 30 days following such notification, the parties shall use their best efforts to settle any such Dispute in these good faith negotiations, which shall be a condition precedent to either party initiating arbitration. Each Athlete (and such Athlete's parent or legal guardian if the Athlete is a minor) agrees that any Dispute must be filed within one year after such Dispute first arises or it is forever barred. All Disputes, regardless of the grounds upon which such Dispute is brought, shall be settled by binding arbitration conducted by a single, independent arbitrator and administered by the American Arbitration Association Commercial Arbitration Rules and procedures then in effect, but excluding any rules or procedures governing or permitting class actions. By agreeing to arbitrate all Disputes, each party waives all rights to a trial by jury in any action or proceeding involving any Disputes. The arbitration shall take place in Travis County, Texas. Each Athlete (and such Athlete's parent or legal guardian if the Athlete is a minor) agrees to submit to the personal jurisdiction of any federal or state court in Travis County, Texas, in order to compel arbitration, to stay proceedings pending arbitration, or to confirm, modify, vacate or enter judgment on the award entered by the arbitrator, and each Athlete (and such Athlete's parent or legal guardian if the Athlete is a minor) waives any argument that such forum does not have personal jurisdiction, is not appropriate or is inconvenient. Each Athlete (and such Athlete's parent or legal guardian if the Athlete is a minor) further agrees that all Disputes and causes of action arising out of or in connection with the VRQ Champion Program, or any VRQ points or Awards, shall be resolved individually without resort to any form of class action and shall not be consolidated or joined with or in any arbitration or other proceeding involving a Dispute of any other party – the arbitrator shall have no authority to arbitrate any Dispute as a class action or in any other form other than on an individual basis. Judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof.

#### 12. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

These Program Rules shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced and governed under the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to any rules of conflict of laws that would require the application of the laws of a state other than Texas.

#### 13. GENERAL TERMS

The section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not be given any legal import. If any provision of these Program Rules is found to be invalid or unenforceable, or interpreted to materially affect the intent of the parties, such provision may be modified by WCRA, but in no event will such provision affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. In any case, whether a provision is modified or not, all remaining provisions of these Program Rules shall remain in effect and shall be construed in accordance with their terms. The application and interpretation of these Program Rules will be made by WCRA in its sole discretion, and such application and interpretation shall be final and binding on all parties. These Program Rules (and any additional terms, rules and conditions applicable to an Athlete's participation in the VRQ) constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersede all previous and contemporaneous agreements, proposals and communications, written or oral, between the parties with respect to such subject matter. The terms and provisions of these Program Rules regarding Limitation of Liability or Arbitration shall survive the completion of the VRQ Champion Program or termination of these Program Rules.

#### 14. CONTACT INFORMATION

The VRQ Champion Program is sponsored by the World Champions Rodeo Alliance, LLC, which can be reached at the following address:

World Champions Rodeo Alliance, LLC 400 W. Illinois Ave, Suite 1300 Midland, TX 79701

Email: info@wcrarodeo.com

#### UPDATE:

4/29/24 – Section 3 updated to notify that the RRVRQ Bonus program will conclude in 2024.

10/29/24 – updated RRVRQ Bonus program rules to extend through 2025 Rodeo Corpus Christi due to cancellation of Rodeo Carolina. Various rule sections were updated to reflect the change.

2/17/25 - Section 9 - updated penalties for breaking the Line of Scrimmage.