



***Comparison with previous American Qualifiers,
The American Semi-Finals and The American Rodeo***

PREVIOUS FORMAT	NEW FORMAT	COMMENTS
The American Rodeo Contender Tournament Events (formerly the American Qualifiers)		
<p>Various discipline specific events with each advancing a set number of contestants to The American Semi-Finals Long Go.</p> <p>Entry fee is \$500 with twenty five percent (25%) of entry fee paid in event purse.</p> <p>Top 10 from each event advance automatically.</p>	<p>Three (3) regional tours with contestants earning automatic advancement or points toward advancement in the associated region.</p> <p>Entry fee is \$500 with twenty five percent (25%) of entry fee paid in event purse.</p> <p>Sliding scale (based on entries) to determine number of top contestants automatically advancing.</p> <p>Points earned if not automatic advancement towards regional standings. (see schedule below)</p>	<p><i>Three regions allow contestants to compete in early rounds without having to travel.</i></p> <p><i>Sliding scale of automatic qualifiers rewards contestants winning at larger events.</i></p> <p><i>Regional point standings rewards those just missing automatic qualification and encourages contestants to participate in multiple events.</i></p> <p><i>Minimum of 95 advance to each Regional Semi-Finals.</i></p>
The American Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals (formerly combined as the Semi-Finals Long Go/Slack)		
<p>Semi-Finals Long Go/Slack with contestants advancing from Qualifiers plus any invited exemptions.</p> <p>Twenty five percent (25%) of all qualifier entry fees <i>split</i> between Semi-Finals Long Go/Slack and American Semi-Finals event purse.</p> <p>All contestants compete for advancement to The American Semi-Finals (Barrel Racing/Breakaway Top 30, Other Events Top 10-12)</p>	<p>Three (3) Regional Semi-Finals events each with a minimum of 95 Contenders coming from automatic advancement and the Contender Tournament Regional Standings and 5 Invited Contenders from the World Standings #6-20 to each region plus any potential exemptions.</p> <p>Twenty five percent (25%) of entry fees in each regions associated Contender Tournament Event paid in event purse.</p> <p>Top 10 in each region advance to American Contender Regional Finals with next 30 advancing to Contender Wild Card Finals.</p>	<p><i>Positions #6-20 from World Standings now being invited to compete as Contenders in this round.</i></p> <p><i>This round is now split into three (3) regions.</i></p> <p><i>25% of entry fees are being paid at THIS round instead of being split between this round and the next!</i></p> <p><i>Ten (10) Contenders times three (3) Regions is 30 Contenders advancing to Regional Finals! (Same as before for barrels – more for other events!)</i></p> <p><i>Another 30 contestants per region advancing to new Contender Wild Card!</i></p>

The American Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Rounds (formerly combined as the Buy-Back Round)		
<p>Optional Buy-back round at American Semi-Finals for contestants not qualifying for Semi-Finals.</p> <p>Buy-back entry fee \$375. Set payout of \$1000 each to 1st thru 3rd places.</p> <p>Top 3 from Buy-back Round advance to American Semi-Finals.</p>	<p>Three (3) optional American Regional Redemption Rounds for Regional Semi-Finals. Contenders to automatically advancing to Regional Finals.</p> <p>Redemption Round entry fee of \$1000. Pays \$200/entry with number of places determined by number of entries.</p> <p>Top 2 from Redemption Round advance to Regional Finals, PLUS next 4 advance to Contender Wild Card Finals.</p>	<p><i>Higher entry fee than before.</i></p> <p><i>Two (2) Contenders advance to each Regional Finals (total of six instead of three previously).</i></p> <p><i>Four (4) Contenders from each region advance to new Wild Card Finals (twelve total).</i></p>
The American Contender Tournament Regional Finals (formerly combined as the Semi-Finals Performances)		
<p>Top contestants (10 In roping, 30 in barrels) from Semi-Finals Long Go/Slack plus Buy-back round compete in three (3) performance event at Cowtown.</p> <p>Twenty five percent (25%) of all qualifier entry fees <i>split</i> between Semi-Finals Long Go/Slack and American Semi-Finals event purse.</p> <p>Top 6 (Top 10 in barrels) advance to The American Long Go held at Cowtown in 2021 or at AT&T in prior years.</p>	<p>Three (3) regional televised (locations to be announced) events with Top 10 from Regional Semi-Finals plus 2 from Regional Redemption Round.</p> <p>Guaranteed purse of \$20K per discipline.</p> <p>Top 4 from each of three (3) regions advance to American Contender Finals and remaining eight (8) advancing to Contender Wild Card Finals.</p>	<p><i>This round is now split into three (3) events! This allows more Contenders an opportunity to advance and win money!</i></p> <p><i>Three (3) events with guaranteed payout of of \$20K/disciple each is effectively \$60K paid in this round!</i></p> <p><i>Purse is now guarantee money on instead of coming from entry fees!</i></p> <p><i>Compared to previous years, three Regional Finals combine to pay 25% of entry fees PLUS \$60K Added vs only 25% of fees in previous years!</i></p>
The American Contender Wild Card Finals (New for 2023!)		
<p><i>There was no event analogous to this in the previous American Rodeo.</i></p>	<p>Places 11-40 from each Regional Semi-Finals, places 3-6 from each Regional Redemption Round, and place 5-12 from each Regional Finals (142 total) compete the week of The American Rodeo.</p> <p>Twenty percent (20%) of all Contender entry fees paid out!</p> <p>Winner advances to American Contender Finals!</p>	<p><i>This round pays additional 20% of entry fees not paid to contestants in previous years!</i></p> <p><i>Contenders compete in same venue as The American Rodeo earlier in the week!</i></p> <p><i>Additional opportunity to advance to American Rodeo!</i></p>

The American Contender Tournament Finals (formerly The American 1st Go)

<p>First Go Round of The American Rodeo. This was held at Cowtown in 2021 or at AT&T Stadium in previous years with a 2-day rodeo.</p>	<p>Televised event will be held at AT&T Stadium.</p>	<p><i>Contenders only competing against each other as World Standings Top Invitees are no longer included at this level.</i></p>
<p>Five (ten in barrels) compete against Top 10 from World Standings.</p>	<p>Top 4 Contenders from each Region plus winner of Contender Wild Card.</p>	<p><i>Additional \$33,250 per event paid at this level over previous years!</i></p>
<p>Paid \$6750 per event to Top 4 places in 2021.</p>	<p>Guaranteed purse of \$40K per event with all contestants earning money!</p>	
	<p>Top 5 advance to Contender Challenge Round.</p>	

The American Rodeo – Round of Ten (formerly The American 2nd Go)

<p>American Rodeo at AT&T Stadium with top 10 fastest from the American First Round.</p>	<p>American Rodeo in Arlington with Top 5 Contender from Contender Challenge Round and Top 5 from the World Standings.</p>	<p><i>First level that includes Top 5 Invitees. Previously Top 10 were invited from World Standings.</i></p>
<p>Purse of \$3000 (\$500 ea. to non-advancing contestants).</p>	<p>Purse of \$3000 (\$500 ea. to non-advancing contestants).</p>	<p><i>Pays same as before.</i></p>
<p>Top 4 advance to The American Finals.</p>	<p>Top 4 advance to The American Finals.</p>	

The American Rodeo – Round of Four (formerly The American Short Go)

<p>Top 4 from the American Second Round.</p>	<p>Top 4 from the American Contender Challenge Round.</p>	<p><i>Same as before.</i></p>
<p>Guaranteed payout of \$100K/\$25K/\$10K/\$5K.</p>	<p>Guaranteed payout of \$100K/\$25K/\$10K/\$5K.</p>	<p><i>Payout and Bonus same as before.</i></p>
<p>Champion eligible for share of \$1M bonus if they are a qualifier.</p>	<p>Champion eligible for share of \$1M Contender Bonus if they are a qualifier.</p>	

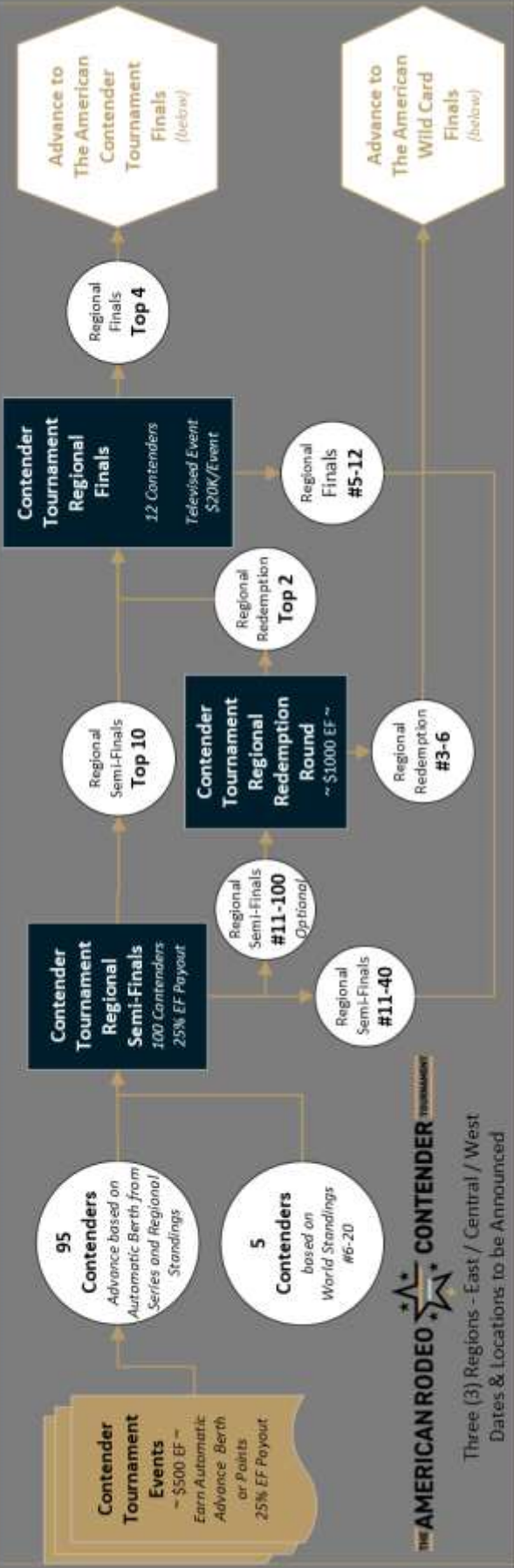
The American Rodeo Contender Tournament
Automatic Advancement and Points

Event Entries	Automatic Advancement	Points Awarded (30 pts - 1 pt)*
1-4	None	1 st - 4 th places
5-9	1 st place (1 total)	2 nd - 9 th places
10-19	1 st - 2 nd places (2 total)	3 rd - 19 th places
20-29	1 st - 3 rd places (3 total)	4 th - 29 th places
30-59	1 st - 4 th places (4 total)	5 th - 34 th places
60-99	1 st - 6 th places (6 total)	7 th - 36 th places
100+	1 st thru 8 th places (8 total)	9 th - 38 th places

* Ties will be split with the average points to be awarded for all tied places being split equally between all tied Athletes.

** Must have a qualified time to earn advancement or points.

2022-23 American Contender Tournament, Wild Card Finals & The American Rodeo Advancement



Three (3) Regions - East / Central / West
Dates & Locations to be Announced

