

Schedule "1"

THE AMERICAN RODEO CONTENDER TOURNAMENT

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES, RULES OF ADVANCEMENT AND POTENTIAL PAYOUTS

1. CATEGORIES OF COMPETITORS.

- 1.1. The American Rodeo and the Contender Tournament include the following three (3) categories of athletes eligible to compete in and win prizes/awards subject to the parameters stated herein:
 - 1.1.1. Contender Athlete
 - 1.1.1.1. An athlete that has earned a position into The American Rodeo by advancing through the Contender Tournament
 - 1.1.1.2. Contender Athletes are eligible for the Contender Bonus subject to parameters found in Section 6.
 - 1.1.2. Invited Contender Athletes
 - 1.1.2.1. PRCA/WPRA 6-20:
 - 1.1.2.1.1. An athlete that finished 6th – 20th in the immediately preceding year's final Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) World Standings in the Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping (Heading & Heeling) and Tie-Down Roping
 - 1.1.2.1.2. An athlete that finished 6th – 20th in the immediately preceding year's final Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) World Standings in the Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping.
 - 1.1.2.1.3. PRCA/WPRA 6-20 athletes are automatically qualified to enter and compete in one (1) of the three (3) Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals with the payment of an eligibility fee.
 - 1.1.2.1.4. These fifteen (15) athletes will be distributed amongst the three (3) Regions to compete with no more than five (5) in each Discipline per Region.
 - 1.1.2.1.5. Each Athlete will select one (1) Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to compete in. Athletes will select in order of the immediately preceding year's final PRCA/WPRA World Standings in the respective Discipline with a maximum of five (5) positions available in each Region.
 - 1.1.2.1.6. If a PRCA/WPRA 6-20 athlete had already competed in the Contender Tournament process prior to receiving Invited Contender Athlete invitation, they are not entitled to a refund of any fees paid in the Contender Tournament.
 - 1.1.2.1.7. If an Invited PRCA/WPRA 6-20 athlete declines his/her position and/or is injured and unable to compete, the invited position will not roll down to the next placing athlete.
 - 1.1.2.1.8. These athletes are eligible for the Contender Bonus subject to parameters found in Section 6.
 - 1.1.2.2. Other Invited Contender Athletes:
 - 1.1.2.2.1. As part of the unique nature of this competition, at its sole discretion which shall not be subject to challenge or appeal, Teton reserves the right to grant the opportunity to compete in

the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo to certain athletes and be eligible for the Contender Bonus, whether or not they have paid eligibility fees and/or competed in The American Rodeo Contender Tournament process.

1.1.2.2.2. These athletes are eligible for the Contender Bonus subject to parameters found in Section 6.

1.1.3. "Top 5" Athlete

1.1.3.1. Is a top 5 finisher from the immediately preceding year's final PRCA World Standings in the Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping (Heading and Heeling) and Tie-Down Roping.

1.1.3.2. Is a top 5 finisher from the immediately preceding year's final WPRA World Standings in Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping.

1.1.3.3. "Top 5" athletes have an invitation to compete in The American Rodeo Round of 10

1.1.3.4. "Top 5" athletes are not eligible for the Contender Bonus.

1.1.3.5. If an athlete declines a "Top 5" invitation position into The American Rodeo, he/she is ineligible to compete in any further 2023 The American Rodeo competitions in the same Discipline, and he/she will not be eligible to compete within the Contender Tournament in that same Discipline seeking an opportunity to compete for the Contender Bonus. If said "Top 5" athlete had already competed in the Contender Tournament process prior to receiving a "Top 5" Athlete invitation, he/she is not entitled to a refund of any fees paid in the Contender Tournament.

1.1.3.6. If a "Top 5" athlete declines a position and/or is injured and unable to compete, the invited position will not roll down to the next placing athlete.

1.1.3.7. Should an athlete earn or receive a position(s) in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals prior to receiving a "Top 5" invitation, that athlete's position(s) in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals is vacated and will then be awarded to the next eligible placing athlete from same vacated method of advancement ("Drop-Down Contender") from that respective contender Discipline. If the Drop-Down Contender is already qualified into the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals, Teton will continue to work through the overall placings to fulfill the open position. Said "Top 5" athlete is not allowed to further compete in the Contender Tournament and is not entitled to a refund of fees.

1.2. In advancement situations, if a Contender athlete must draw out due to a medical or veterinary release, said athlete will be replaced by the next highest placing eligible athlete in whichever round of competition.

2. COMPETITION/ADVANCEMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE TIMED EVENTS:

2.1. The American Rodeo Contender Tournament will be divided into three (3) Contender Tournament Regions: Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Events West, Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Events Central and Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Events East. Overview of the advancement structure follows in this section. Each Discipline has unique circumstances

and details specific to each Discipline are found in said Discipline's Competition Structure section of these Rules. If there is a discrepancy between information found in Section 2 and the individual Discipline's Competition Structure section of rules, the individual Discipline's Competition Structure section of rules supersedes.

- 2.2. An athlete is only awarded an automatic advancement position(s) and/or points towards the Contender Tournament Regional Standings on qualified times.
- 2.3. The American Rodeo Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Events:
 - 2.3.1. Are events that have been selected by Teton Management and/or its approved sanctioning bodies to provide advancement opportunities for athletes.
 - 2.3.2. Each Region will select qualifying events per Timed Event Discipline that are specific to stated Region.
 - 2.3.3. Eligibility Fees (fees to compete) are \$500 per entry (for Team Roping eligibility fees, refer to Section 4.3.2.1.1)
 - 2.3.4. There are two (2) different ways to earn advancement positions from the Contender Tournament Qualifying Events to the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals (Team Roping Discipline is unique so refer to Section 4.3 for Team Roping advancement opportunities):
 - 2.3.4.1. Automatic advancement based on athlete's placing in a Contender Tournament Qualifier Event. The number of entries in the Contender Tournament competition at the qualifying event determines the number of automatic advancement positions available at the event. (See Figure 1 on next page). If there is a tie for the last automatic advancement position at a Contender Tournament Qualifying Event, all athletes tied for that position will earn automatic advancement.
 - 2.3.4.2. By earning points at Contender Tournament Qualifier Events towards an assigned Contender Tournament Regional Standings. A Contender Tournament Regional Standings will be kept in each Region. Points will be awarded to the stated Regional Standings based on athlete's placing and the number of entries in the Contender Tournament competition at the qualifying event (See the Points Table in Figure 1 on next page)
 - 2.3.4.3. A minimum of ninety-five (95) Contenders will advance to each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals. This includes all automatic advancing Contenders with the remaining Contenders coming from the Contender Tournament Regional Point Standings. A minimum of ten (10) athletes in each Discipline in each Region will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals based on point standings even if the minimum 95 number of athletes has already been met by the automatic advancing Contenders.
 - 2.3.5. Automatic advancement positions and points for Contender Tournament Regional Standings are awarded specific to the stated Region of the Contender Tournament Qualifying Event.

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.		

Figure 1: Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Regional Events Automatic Advancement Positions and Point Allocations

- 2.4. Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals, Redemption Round and Regional Finals
 - 2.4.1. Each Region will hold a Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals and Contender Tournament Regional Finals in addition to a Redemption Round.
 - 2.4.2. Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals:
 - 2.4.2.1. Format of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will be determined by each individual Discipline.
 - 2.4.2.2. A qualified run is required for automatic advancement from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals. In the occurrence there are not enough qualified times to fill advancement positions, a random drawback from the remaining athletes that have not yet advanced will be utilized to fill any empty advancement positions.
 - 2.4.2.3. Athletes eligible to compete at the Contender Regional Semi-Finals:
 - 2.4.2.3.1. Athletes that received automatic advancement from said Region's Contender Tournament Qualifying Events
 - 2.4.2.3.2. Additional athletes from said Region's final Contender Tournament Regional Standings to bring the total number of Contenders to a minimum of ninety-five (95) including those earning automatic advancement above in 2.4.2.3.1. A minimum of ten (10) athletes in each Discipline in each Region will advance based on point standings even if the minimum 95 number of athletes has already been met by the automatic advancing Contenders.
 - 2.4.2.3.3. The 6th – 20th ranked athletes from the immediately preceding year's PRCA/WPRA World Standings
 - 2.4.2.3.3.1. These fifteen (15) athletes will be distributed amongst the three (3) regions to compete with no more than five (5) in each Discipline per Region.
 - 2.4.2.3.3.2. These athletes will select one (1) Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to compete in. Athletes will select in order of the immediately preceding year's PRCA/WPRA World Standings

with a maximum of five (5) positions available in each Region.

- 2.4.2.3.3. These athletes will pay a \$500 eligibility fee.
- 2.4.2.3.4. Any other invited athletes and/or exemptions selected by Teton Management.
- 2.4.2.4. Advancement from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals:
 - 2.4.2.4.1. The top ten (10) athletes with the fastest aggregate times in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will automatically advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.
 - 2.4.2.4.2. Athletes placing 11th – 40th will advance to the Contender Wild Card Event.
 - 2.4.2.4.3. Entries placing outside the top ten (10) may enter the Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round
- 2.4.3. Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round
 - 2.4.3.1. Entries placing outside the top ten (10) in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals may enter the Redemption Round to earn an opportunity to advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals or the Contender Wild Card Event.
 - 2.4.3.2. Fees to compete in the Redemption Round are \$1,000 per entry
 - 2.4.3.3. The top two (2) athletes with the fastest times from the Redemption Round competition will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.
 - 2.4.3.4. Athletes placing 3rd – 6th will advance to the Contender Wild Card Event.
 - 2.4.3.5. For details on the format of the Redemption Round, refer to the details in the individual Disciplines.
- 2.4.4. Contender Tournament Regional Finals
 - 2.4.4.1. Consists of twelve (12) athletes in total. Athletes eligible to compete in the Contender Regional Finals:
 - 2.4.4.1.1. The top ten (10) athletes with the fastest aggregate times from the Contender Tournament Semi-Finals
 - 2.4.4.1.2. The top two (2) athletes with the fastest qualified times from the Redemption Round.
 - 2.4.4.2. Advancement from the Contender Tournament Regional Finals:
 - 2.4.4.2.1. The top four (4) athletes from each of the Contender Tournament Regional Finals will advance to the Contender Tournament Finals
 - 2.4.4.2.2. The eight (8) athletes that do not advance to the Contender Tournament Finals will advance to the Contender Wild Card Event.
- 2.5. Contender Wild Card Event
 - 2.5.1. There will be one (1) Contender Wild Card Event with athletes from all three (3) Contender Tournament Regions competing together.
 - 2.5.2. There are three (3) different ways to qualify to compete in the Contender Wild Card Event:

- 2.5.2.1. Athletes placing 11th – 40th in each of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals that did not advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals
- 2.5.2.2. Athletes placing 3rd – 6th in each of the Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round, that did not advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals
- 2.5.2.3. Athletes placing 5th – 12th in each of the Contender Tournament Regional Finals that did not advance to the Contender Tournament Finals.
- 2.5.3. One (1) winner from the Contender Wild Card Event will advance on to the Contender Tournament Finals
- 2.6. Contender Tournament Finals
 - 2.6.1. Athletes from all three (3) Regions compete together in said Discipline.
 - 2.6.2. There are two (2) ways to qualify to compete in the Contender Tournament Finals
 - 2.6.2.1. The top four (4) placing athletes from each of the three (3) Contender Tournament Regional Finals in each Timed Event Discipline
 - 2.6.2.2. The one (1) winner in each Timed Event Discipline of the Contender Wild Card Event
 - 2.6.3. The top five (5) placing athletes in each Timed Event Discipline of the Contender Tournament Finals will advance on to The American Rodeo Round of 10.
- 2.7. The American Rodeo Round of 10
 - 2.7.1. There are two (2) ways to be eligible to compete in The American Rodeo Round of 10:
 - 2.7.1.1. The top five (5) placing athletes in each Timed Event Discipline from the Contender Tournament Finals
 - 2.7.1.2. The “Top 5” in each Timed Event Discipline from the immediately preceding year’s PRCA/WPRA World Standings.
 - 2.7.2. Top four (4) placing athletes from The American Rodeo Round of 10 will advance to The American Rodeo Round of 4. If there are no qualified times, or not at least four (4) qualified times, any remaining positions will be filled by random draw amongst those in The American Round of 10 that have not yet advanced. No athletes drawn back into The American Round of 4 are eligible for the Contender Bonus regardless of if they were a Contender athlete.
- 2.8. The American Rodeo Round of 4
 - 2.8.1. There is one (1) way to be eligible to compete in The American Rodeo Round of 4:
 - 2.8.1.1. The top four (4) placing athletes in each Discipline from The American Rodeo Round of 10 compete in The American Rodeo Round of 4
 - 2.8.2. The American Rodeo Champion in each Timed Event Discipline will be determined based on the fastest qualified time in The American Rodeo Round of 4.

3. COMPETITION/ADVANCEMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE ROUGHSTOCK EVENTS:

- 3.1. The American Rodeo Contender Tournament will be divided into three (3) Contender Tournament Regions: West, Central and East. Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Events for the Roughstock Events will be a direct entry to the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals with the potential option of a Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Event and/or Contender Tournament Semi-Finals Redemption Round to be held. Overview of the advancement structure follows in this section.
- 3.2. Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals and Regional Finals

- 3.2.1. Each Region will hold a Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals and Contender Tournament Regional Finals.
- 3.2.2. Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals:
 - 3.2.2.1. Format of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will be determined by each individual Discipline.
 - 3.2.2.2. A qualified ride is required for automatic advancement from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals. In the occurrence there are not enough qualified scores to fill advancement positions, any remaining qualification spots will be filled based on buck off times in said Discipline, (longest ride time gets in first), and if buck off times are tied, the tie will be broken by random draw amongst tied Athletes.
 - 3.2.2.3. Athletes eligible to compete at the Contender Regional Semi-Finals:
 - 3.2.2.3.1. Athletes that pay a direct buy-in fee of \$1,000 per entry
 - 3.2.2.3.2. The 6th – 20th ranked athletes from the immediately preceding year's final PRCA World Standings in said Discipline.
 - 3.2.2.3.2.1. These fifteen (15) athletes will be distributed amongst the three (3) regions to compete with no more than five (5) in each Discipline per Region.
 - 3.2.2.3.2.2. These athletes will select one (1) Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to compete in. Athletes will select in order of the immediately preceding year's final PRCA World Standings with a maximum of five (5) positions available in each Region.
 - 3.2.2.3.2.3. These athletes will pay a \$1,000 eligibility fee.
 - 3.2.2.3.3. Any other invited athletes and/or exemptions selected by Teton Management.
 - 3.2.2.4. Advancement from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals:
 - 3.2.2.4.1. The top ten (10) athletes with the highest total scores will automatically advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.
 - 3.2.2.4.2. Athletes placing 11th – 40th will advance to the Contender Wild Card Event.
- 3.2.3. Contender Tournament Regional Finals
 - 3.2.3.1. Consists of twelve (10) athletes total. Athletes eligible to compete in the Contender Regional Finals:
 - 3.2.3.1.1. The top ten (10) athletes with the highest total scores from the Contender Tournament Semi-Finals
 - 3.2.3.2. Advancement from the Contender Tournament Regional Finals:
 - 3.2.3.2.1. The top four (4) athletes with the highest total scores will advance to the Contender Tournament Finals
 - 3.2.3.2.2. The eight (8) athletes that do not advance to the Contender Tournament Finals will advance to the Contender Wild Card Event.

- 3.2.3.2.3. If there is a tied score, the tie will be broken by the tied athletes' total scores from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals.
 - 3.2.3.2.4. In the occurrence there are not enough qualified scores to fill advancement positions, any remaining qualification spots will be filled based on buck off times in said Discipline, (longest ride time gets in first), and if buck off times are tied, the tie will be broken by random draw amongst tied Athletes.
- 3.3. Contender Wild Card Event
- 3.3.1. There will be one (1) Contender Wild Card Event with athletes from all three (3) Contender Tournament Regions competing together.
 - 3.3.2. There are two (2) different ways to qualify to compete in the Contender Wild Card Event:
 - 3.3.2.1. Athletes placing 11th – 40th in each of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals that did not advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals
 - 3.3.2.2. Athletes placing 5th – 12th in each of the Contender Tournament Regional Finals that did not advance to the Contender Tournament Finals.
 - 3.3.3. One (1) winner from the Contender Wild Card Event will advance on to the Contender Tournament Finals
- 3.4. Contender Tournament Finals
- 3.4.1. Athletes from all three (3) Regions compete together in said Discipline.
 - 3.4.2. There are two (2) ways to qualify to compete in the Contender Tournament Finals
 - 3.4.2.1. The top four (4) placing athletes from each of the three (3) Contender Tournament Regional Finals in each Roughstock Event Discipline
 - 3.4.2.2. The one (1) winner in each Roughstock Event Discipline of the Contender Wild Card Event
 - 3.4.3. The top five (5) athletes with the highest total scores in each Roughstock Event Discipline of the Contender Tournament Finals will advance on to the American Rodeo Round of 10.
 - 3.4.3.1. If there is a tie for the last advancement position, tied athletes' scores from the Contender Tournament Regional Finals will be used to break the tie.
 - 3.4.3.2. If there are not five (5) qualified rides in the Contender Tournament Finals, any remaining qualification spots will be filled based on buck off times in said Discipline, (longest ride time gets in first), and if buck off times are tied, the tie will be broken by athletes' scores from the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.
- 3.5. The American Rodeo Round of 10
- 3.5.1. There are two (2) ways to be eligible to compete in The American Rodeo Round of 10:
 - 3.5.1.1. The top five (5) athletes with the highest total scores in each Roughstock Event Discipline from the Contender Tournament Finals
 - 3.5.1.2. The "Top 5" in each Roughstock Event Discipline from the immediately preceding year's PRCA World Standings.

3.5.2. Top four (4) athletes with the highest total score will advance to The American Rodeo Round of 4.

3.5.2.1. If there is a tie for the last position, the tie breaker will be as follows:

3.5.2.1.1. If the tie is between a Contender and a “Top 5”, the tie breaker will be awarded to The Contender.

3.5.2.1.2. If the tie is between two (2) or more Contenders, the tied athlete with the highest total score in the Contender Tournament Finals will advance.

3.5.2.1.3. If the tie is between two (2) or more “Top 5” athletes, the tie will go to the tied athlete with the highest ranking from the immediately preceding year’s PRCA World Standings in said Discipline.

3.5.2.2. If there are not four (4) qualified rides in the American Rodeo Round of 10, any remaining qualification spots will be filled based on buck off times in said Discipline, (longest ride time gets in first), and if buck off times are tied, the tie will be broken by athletes' highest total score from the Contender Tournament Finals.

3.6. The American Rodeo Round of 4

3.6.1. There is one (1) way to be eligible to compete in The American Rodeo Round of 4:

3.6.1.1. The top four (4) athletes with the highest total scores in each Discipline from The American Rodeo Round of 10 compete in The American Rodeo Round of 4.

3.6.2. The American Rodeo Champion in each Roughstock Discipline will be determined based on the highest total score in The American Rodeo Round of 4.

3.6.2.1. If There is a tie for 1st place, tie breaker will be as follows:

3.6.2.1.1. The tied Athletes will compete again, on one (1) additional head, to determine the Champion. Athlete with the highest total score in the ride off wins the Championship. If still tied, the tied Athletes are named Co-Champions. If neither Athlete receives a score in the ride-off, the tied Athletes are named Co-Champions. Co-Champions are not eligible for the Contender Bonus regardless of if he/she is a Contender Athlete.

3.6.2.1.2. Ties for second or third place will be treated and reported as ties.

4. ADVANCEMENT STRUCTURE OF DISCIPLINES

4.1. Barrel Racing

4.1.1. Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Events

4.1.1.1. Advancement to the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals

4.1.1.1.1. An athlete/horse combination is considered an Individual Contender “Team” with automatic advancement and points being tracked per “Team”.

4.1.1.1.2. An athlete may advance multiple times to a single or to multiple Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals so long as each advancement is earned as part of a separate “Team” (i.e. different horse).

4.1.1.1.3. If an athlete earns an automatic advancement in a Region, he/she must advance in said Region and will not be eligible to earn an advancement on that horse in any other Region.

- 4.1.1.1.4. If a “Team” is in the standings of multiple Regions, the “Team” will only be awarded an advancement position in the Region where the Team is ranked the highest in the standings and said Team will not be awarded an advancement position in any other Region. All positions vacated by that “Team” will be filled by the next highest eligible athlete “Team” in the Region of the vacated spot.
- 4.1.1.1.5. A minimum of ninety-five (95) Contenders will advance to each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals from the Contender Tournament Events. The positions earned via automatic advancement at the Contender Tournament Events are counted first with the remaining positions being selected from the Contender Tournament Regional Standings. (A minimum of ten (10) athletes in each Region will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals based on point standings even if the minimum 95 number of athletes has already been met by the automatic advancing Contenders. Five (5) additional Contenders out of the 6th – 20th ranks of the immediately preceding year’s final WPRA Barrel Racing World Standings will be invited to compete in each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals bringing the total Contenders in each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to a minimum of one hundred (100).
- 4.1.2. Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals
 - 4.1.2.1. A minimum of ninety-five (95) Contenders will advance to each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals from the Contender Tournament Events. The positions earned via automatic advancement at the Contender Tournament Events are counted first with the remaining positions being selected from the Contender Tournament Regional Standings. A minimum of ten (10) athletes in each Region will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals based on point standings even if the minimum 95 number of athletes has already been met by the automatic advancing Contenders. Five (5) additional Contenders out of the 6th – 20th ranks of the immediately preceding year’s final WPRA Barrel Racing World Standings will be invited to compete in each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals bringing the total Contenders in each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to a minimum of one hundred (100).
 - 4.1.2.2. Once in any Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals, an athlete may substitute horses as he/she advances between each level of competition. However, beginning with the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals, a horse may only compete one (1) time during each level regardless of the Region or the athlete riding the horse.
 - 4.1.2.2.1. For clarification, the two go rounds of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals are considered one (1) level of competition so Athlete must ride the same horse in each go round of the Contender Regional Semi-Finals.
 - 4.1.2.2.2. For clarification, all three (3) Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals are considered one (1) level of competition.

- 4.1.2.3. Format
 - 4.1.2.3.1. Two (2) full rounds with a separate Redemption Round
 - 4.1.2.3.2. Run positions for the 1st go round will be randomly drawn. Run order for the 2nd go round will be reverse order of the 1st go round.
 - 4.1.2.3.3. Top ten (10) fastest times of the two-run aggregate of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.
 - 4.1.2.3.4. An athlete that did not advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals via the top ten (10), or who did but has an additional Semi-Finals qualification position that did not advance, is eligible to enter the Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round Race.
 - 4.1.2.3.4.1. The Redemption Round Race will be one (1) run
 - 4.1.2.3.4.2. An Athlete may run a different horse in the Redemption Round Race, but he/she cannot run a horse that has already been advanced on.
 - 4.1.2.3.4.3. An Athlete can enter the Redemption Round Race one (1) time for each non-advancing run in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals.
 - 4.1.2.3.4.4. Fee to enter the Redemption Round Race is \$1,000 per entry
 - 4.1.2.3.4.5. The Athletes with the two (2) fastest qualified times in the Redemption Round Race will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals
 - 4.1.2.3.4.6. The 3rd – 6th fastest qualified times advance to the Contender Wild Card Event.
 - 4.1.2.3.4.7. If there is a tie for the last advancement position(s) in the Redemption Round Race, the athletes' times on the two-run aggregate in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will break the tie with the fastest time advancing.
 - 4.1.2.3.5. Athletes placing 11th – 40th in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals plus four (4) Contenders placing 3rd – 6th in the Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round Race will advance to the Contender Wild Card Event.
 - 4.1.2.3.6. Ties for advancing from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will be broken by the athletes' fastest one (1) qualified time in either round of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals. If still tied, the tie will be broken by mutually agreed upon run off or by a coin flip.
- 4.1.2.4. An athlete can only advance one (1) time from each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to each Contender Tournament Regional Finals. If an athlete places in the top ten (10) and/or wins 1st or 2nd in the Redemption Round Race of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals on multiple horses, the lower placing horse from the Regional Semi-Finals will advance to the Contender Wild Card Event and the next highest placing athlete from the Regional Semi-Finals and/or Redemption Round Race (depending on where

the vacancy came from) will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.

- 4.1.3. Contender Tournament Regional Finals
 - 4.1.3.1. The Contender Tournament Regional Finals will be composed of twelve (12) Contenders – the top ten (10) placing athletes from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals plus the athletes with the two (2) fastest qualified times from the Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round Race.
 - 4.1.3.2. Format
 - 4.1.3.2.1. One (1) full round
 - 4.1.3.2.2. Run positions will be randomly drawn.
 - 4.1.3.2.3. Times from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals do not roll forward except for tie-breaker purposes.
 - 4.1.3.2.4. Top four (4) fastest qualified times from each of the Contender Tournament Regional Finals advance to the American Rodeo Contender Finals. If there is a tie for the last advancement position, qualified times from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will break the tie with the fastest of the tied athletes advancing. If still tied, the tie will be broken by mutually agreed upon run off or by a coin flip.
 - 4.1.3.3. An athlete can only have one (1) advancement position into the Contender Tournament Finals regardless of the horse he/she is competing on. If an athlete is in the top four (4) of more than one (1) Contender Tournament Regional Finals, said athlete will advance to the Contender Tournament Finals from the Region based on his/her placing in the Contender Tournament Regional Finals and Semi-Finals. The vacated position will roll down to the next highest placing athlete from the Region where the vacated spot occurred.
 - 4.1.3.4. All athlete positions not advancing to the Contender Tournament Finals from the Contender Tournament Regional Finals are eligible to compete in the Contender Wild Card Event.
- 4.1.4. Contender Wild Card Event
 - 4.1.4.1. There will be one (1) Contender Wild Card Event with athletes from all three (3) Contender Tournament Regions competing together.
 - 4.1.4.2. The Contender Wild Card Event will consist of up to forty-two (42) athletes from each Region. These will consist of the thirty (30) athletes placing 11th – 40th in each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals; four (4) athletes placing 3rd – 6th in each Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round Race; and eight (8) athletes competing in each Contender Tournament Regional Finals that did not advance to the Contender Tournament Finals.
 - 4.1.4.3. An athlete may advance multiple times to the Contender Wild Card Event so long as each is on a different horse and not on a horse that has already advanced to the Contender Tournament Finals.
 - 4.1.4.4. Format:
 - 4.1.4.4.1. One (1) full round
 - 4.1.4.4.2. Run positions will be randomly drawn
 - 4.1.4.4.3. Times from any other rounds of competition do not roll forward except potentially for tie-breaker purposes.

- 4.1.4.4.4. The one (1) fastest qualified time of the Wild Card Event will advance to the Contender Tournament Finals. If there is a tie, the athlete that placed highest in his/her Contender Tournament Regional Finals will advance with rank among corresponding places by number of entries in each Region.
- 4.1.4.4.5. If the winner of the Wild Card Event already has a qualification spot in the Contender Tournament Finals, he/she will still win any prize money earned from the Wild Card Event, however the advancement position to the Contender Tournament Finals will be awarded to the next highest placing athlete in the Wild Card Event that has not already qualified for the Contender Tournament Finals.
- 4.1.5. The Contender Tournament Finals
 - 4.1.5.1. The Contender Tournament Finals consists of thirteen (13) athletes – the top four (4) placing athletes from each of the three (3) Contender Tournament Regional Finals plus the winner of the Wild Card Event.
 - 4.1.5.2. Format:
 - 4.1.5.2.1. One (1) full round
 - 4.1.5.2.2. Run positions will be randomly drawn
 - 4.1.5.2.3. Times from any other rounds of competition do not roll forward except potentially for tie-breaker purposes.
 - 4.1.5.2.4. Top five (5) fastest qualified times in the Contender Tournament Finals advance to The American Rodeo Round of 10. If there is a tie for the last position, the tie breaker will go to the athlete that placed highest in his/her Contender Tournament Regional Finals. If still tied, the tie breaker will go to the athlete that placed highest in his/her Contender Tournament Semi-Finals with rank among corresponding placed by number of entries in each Region.
- 4.1.6. The American Rodeo Round of 10
 - 4.1.6.1. The American Rodeo Round of 10 consists of ten (10) athletes – the five (5) contender athletes that advanced from the Contender Tournament Finals plus the “Top 5” finishers from the immediately preceding year’s final WPRA Barrel Racing World Standings.
 - 4.1.6.2. Format:
 - 4.1.6.2.1. One (1) full round
 - 4.1.6.2.2. Run positions will be drawn randomly within each of the two groups (Contenders and “Top 5”). The two lists will then be combined so that the run order alternates between a “Top 5” and a Contender beginning with a Contender. (i.e., Contenders draw at 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and “Top 5” athletes draw at 2, 4, 6, 8, 10).
 - 4.1.6.2.3. Times from any other rounds of competition do not roll forward except potentially for tie-breaker purposes.
 - 4.1.6.2.4. The top four (4) fastest qualified times in The American Rodeo Round of 10 advance to The American Rodeo Round of 4. If there is a tie for the last position, the tie breaker will be as follows:

- 4.1.6.2.4.1. If the tie is between a Contender and a “Top 5”, the tie breaker will be awarded to The Contender.
- 4.1.6.2.4.2. If the tie is between two (2) or more Contenders, the tied athlete with the fastest qualified time in the Contender Tournament Finals will advance.
- 4.1.6.2.4.3. If the tie is between two (2) or more “Top 5” athletes, the tie will go to the tied athlete with the highest ranking from the immediately preceding year’s final WPRA Barrel Racing World Standings.
- 4.1.7. The American Rodeo Round of 4
 - 4.1.7.1. The American Rodeo Round of 4 consists of the athletes with the top four (4) fastest qualified times in the American Rodeo Round of 10.
 - 4.1.7.2. Format:
 - 4.1.7.2.1. One (1) full round
 - 4.1.7.2.2. Run positions will be determined by random draw.
 - 4.1.7.3. The one (1) fastest qualified time in The American Rodeo Round of 4 will be crowned The American Rodeo Barrel Racing Champion.
 - 4.1.7.3.1. If there is a tie for 1st place, tie breaker will be as follows:
 - 4.1.7.3.1.1. The tied athletes will compete again, on one (1) additional run, to determine the Champion. Athlete with the fastest qualified time in the run-off wins the Championship. If still tied, the athletes are named Co-Champions. If neither Athlete receives a qualified time in the run-off, the Athletes are named Co-Champions. Co-Champions are not eligible for the Contender Bonus regardless of if he/she is a Contender Athlete. Ties are all split with money from tied places being distributed evenly among tied athletes.
 - 4.1.7.3.2. Ties for any other places will be treated and reported as ties.
 - 4.1.7.3.3. Payout for tied places will be combined and split evenly between the tied Athletes.
- 4.2. Breakaway Roping, Tie-Down Roping and Steer Wrestling
 - 4.2.1. Contender Tournament Qualifying Events
 - 4.2.1.1. Advancement to the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals
 - 4.2.1.1.1. An athlete may advance up to two (2) times to a single or to each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals.
 - 4.2.1.1.2. If an athlete earns an automatic advancement in a Region, he/she must advance in said Region.
 - 4.2.1.1.3. A minimum of ninety-five (95) Contenders will advance to each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals from the Contender Tournament Events. The positions earned via automatic advancement at the Contender Tournament Events are counted first with the remaining positions being selected from the Contender Tournament Regional Standings. (A minimum of ten

(10) athletes in each Region will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals based on point standings even if the minimum 95 number of athletes has already been met by the automatic advancing Contenders.) Five (5) additional Contenders out of the 6th – 20th ranks of the immediately preceding year's final PRCA/WPRA World Standings will be invited to compete in each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals bringing the total Contenders in each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to a minimum of one hundred (100).

4.2.2. Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals

4.2.2.1. A minimum of ninety-five (95) Contenders will advance to each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals from the Contender Tournament Events. The positions earned via automatic advancement at the Contender Tournament Events are counted first with the remaining positions being selected from the Contender Tournament Regional Standings. (A minimum of ten (10) athletes in each Region will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals based on point standings even if the minimum 95 number of athletes has already been met by the automatic advancing Contenders.) Five (5) additional Contenders out of the 6th – 20th ranks of the immediately preceding year's final PRCA/WPRA World Standings will be invited to compete in each Discipline of each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals bringing the total Contenders in each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to a minimum of one hundred (100).

4.2.2.2. Format

4.2.2.2.1. Two (2) full rounds with a separate Redemption Round

4.2.2.2.2. Run positions for the 1st go round will be randomly drawn. Run order for the 2nd go round will be reverse order of the 1st go round.

4.2.2.2.3. Top ten (10) fastest times of the two (2) head aggregate of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.

4.2.2.2.4. An athlete that did not advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals via the top ten (10) or who did but has an additional Semi-Finals qualification position that did not advance, is eligible to enter the Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round.

4.2.2.2.4.1. The Redemption Round will be one (1) run and a short go.

4.2.2.2.4.2. An Athlete can enter the Redemption Round up to two (2) times for each non-advancing run in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals.

4.2.2.2.4.3. Fee to enter the Redemption Round is \$1,000 per entry.

4.2.2.2.4.4. The athletes with the two (2) fastest times on the two head aggregate in the Redemption Round will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals

- 4.2.2.2.4.5. The athletes with the 3rd – 6th fastest times on the two head aggregate in the Redemption Round advance to the Contender Wild Card Event.
- 4.2.2.2.4.6. If there is a tie for advancement in the Redemption Round, the athletes' times on the two head aggregate in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will break the tie with the fastest qualified time advancing.
- 4.2.2.2.5. Athletes placing 11th – 40th in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals plus four (4) Contenders placing 3rd - 6th in the Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round will advance to the Contender Wild Card Event.
- 4.2.2.2.6. Ties for advancing from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will be broken by the athlete with the fastest one (1) qualified time in either round of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals advancing. If still tied, the tie will be broken by a mutually agreed upon run/rope off or by a coin flip.
- 4.2.2.3. An athlete can only advance one (1) time from each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to each Contender Tournament Regional Finals. If an athlete places twice in the top ten (10) and/or wins 1st or 2nd in the Redemption Round of the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals, the athlete's highest placing position will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals while his/her other position(s) will advance to the Contender Wild Card Tournament Finals and the next highest placing athlete from the Regional Semi-Finals will advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.
- 4.2.3. Contender Tournament Regional Finals
 - 4.2.3.1. The Contender Tournament Regional Finals will be composed of twelve (12) Contenders – the top ten (10) placing athletes from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals plus the Athletes with the two (2) fastest times on the two head aggregate in the Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round.
 - 4.2.3.2. Format
 - 4.2.3.2.1. One (1) full round
 - 4.2.3.2.2. Run positions will be randomly drawn.
 - 4.2.3.2.3. Times from the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals do not roll forward except for tie-breaker purposes.
 - 4.2.3.2.4. Top four (4) fastest qualified times from each of the Contender Tournament Regional Finals advance to The American Rodeo Contender Finals. If there is a tie for the last advancement position, the athlete with the fastest aggregate time in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will advance. If still tied, the athlete with the fastest one individual qualified time between the two Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals rounds will advance. If still tied, the tie will be broken by mutually agreed upon run off or by a coin flip.
 - 4.2.3.3. An athlete can only have one (1) advancement position into the Contender Tournament Finals. If an athlete is in the top four (4) of more than one (1)

Contender Tournament Regional Finals, the athlete will advance based on his/her first advancement position earned to The American Rodeo Contender Finals. Any other advancement positions to The American Contender Finals vacated by that athlete will be rolled down to the next highest placing eligible athlete in the Contender Tournament Regional Finals with the vacated position.

4.2.3.4. All athlete positions not advancing to The American Rodeo Contender Finals from the Contender Tournament Regional Finals are eligible to compete in the Contender Wild Card Event.

4.2.4. Contender Wild Card Event

4.2.4.1. There will be one (1) Contender Wild Card Event with athletes from all three (3) Contender Tournament Regions competing together.

4.2.4.2. The Contender Wild Card Tournament Event will consist of up to forty-two (42) athletes from each Region. These will consist of the thirty (30) athletes placing 11th – 40th in each Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals; four (4) athletes placing 3rd – 6th in each Contender Tournament Regional Redemption Round; and eight (8) athletes competing in each Contender Tournament Regional Finals that did not advance to The American Rodeo Contender Finals.

4.2.4.3. An athlete may advance multiple times to the Contender Wild Card Tournament Event.

4.2.4.4. Format:

4.2.4.4.1. One (1) full round

4.2.4.4.2. Run positions will be randomly drawn

4.2.4.4.3. Times from any other rounds of competition do not roll forward except for potentially tie-breaker purposes.

4.2.4.4.4. The one (1) fastest qualified time of the Wild Card Event will advance to the Contender Tournament Finals. If there is a tie, the athlete that placed highest in his/her Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals will advance with rank among corresponding places by number of entries in each Region.

4.2.4.4.5. If the winner of the Wild Card Event already has a qualification spot in The American Rodeo Contender Finals, he/she will still win any prize money earned from the Wild Card Event, however the advancement position to the Contender Tournament Finals will be awarded to the next highest placing athlete in the Wild Card Event that has not already qualified for the Contender Tournament Finals.

4.2.5. The Contender Tournament Finals

4.2.5.1. The Contender Tournament Finals consists of thirteen (13) athletes – the top four (4) placing athletes from each of the three (3) Contender Tournament Regional Finals plus the winner of the Wild Card Event.

4.2.5.2. Format:

4.2.5.2.1. One (1) full round

4.2.5.2.2. Run positions will be randomly drawn

4.2.5.2.3. Times from any other rounds of competition do not roll forward except for tie-breaker purposes.

- 4.2.5.2.4. The athletes with the top five (5) fastest qualified times in the Contender Tournament Finals advance to The American Rodeo Round of 10. If there is a tie for the last position, the tie breaker will go to the athlete that placed highest in his/her Regional Finals and then to the highest placing in his/her Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals with rank among corresponding placed by number of entries in each Region.
- 4.2.6. The American Rodeo Round of 10
 - 4.2.6.1. Each Discipline in The American Rodeo Round of 10 consists of ten (10) athletes – the five (5) athletes that advanced from the Contender Tournament Finals plus the “Top 5” finishers from the immediately preceding year’s final PRCA/WPRA World Standings in the respective Discipline.
 - 4.2.6.2. Format:
 - 4.2.6.2.1. One (1) full round
 - 4.2.6.2.2. Run positions: The “Top 5” and five (5) Contender athletes will alternate run positions beginning with a “Top 5” athlete first. The “Top 5” will run in opposite order of the immediately preceding year’s final PRCA/WPRA World Standings rankings and the five (5) Contender athletes will run in order of slowest time to fastest time from the Contender Tournament Finals. (i.e., #5 ranked PRCA/WPRA “Top 5” athlete, followed by the 5th place finisher Contender athlete from the Contender Tournament Finals, followed by the #4 ranked PRCA/WPRA “Top 5” athlete, followed by the 4th place finisher Contender athlete from the Contender Tournament Finals continuing that pattern until all have competed.)
 - 4.2.6.2.3. Times from any other rounds of competition do not roll forward except potentially for tie-breaker purposes.
 - 4.2.6.2.4. The top four (4) fastest qualified times in The American Rodeo Round of 10 advance to The American Rodeo Round of 4. If there is a tie for the last position, the tie breaker will be as follows:
 - 4.2.6.2.4.1. If the tie is between a Contender and a “Top 5”, the tie breaker will be awarded to The Contender.
 - 4.2.6.2.4.2. If the tie is between two (2) or more Contenders, the tied athlete with the fastest qualified time in the Contender Tournament Finals will advance.
 - 4.2.6.2.4.3. If the tie is between two (2) or more “Top 5” athletes, the tie will go to the tied athlete with the highest ranking from the immediately preceding year’s final PRCA/WPRA World Standings in the respective Discipline.
- 4.2.7. The American Rodeo Round of 4
 - 4.2.7.1. The American Rodeo Round of 4 consists of the athletes with the top four (4) fastest qualified times in The American Rodeo Round of 10.
 - 4.2.7.2. Format:

- 4.2.7.2.1. One (1) full round
- 4.2.7.2.2. Run positions will be based on qualified times from The American Rodeo Round of 10 with the athlete with the slowest advancing qualified time competing first and the athlete with the fastest qualified time competing last.
- 4.2.7.3. The one (1) fastest qualified time in each Discipline of The American Rodeo Round of 4 will be crowned The American Rodeo Event Champion.
 - 4.2.7.3.1. If there is a tie for 1st place, tie breaker will be as follows:
 - 4.2.7.3.1.1. The tied athletes will compete again, on one (1) additional head, to determine the Champion. Athlete with the fastest qualified time in the run-off wins the Championship. If still tied, the athletes are named Co-Champions. If neither Athlete receives a qualified time in the run-off, the athletes are named Co-Champions. Co-Champions are not eligible for the Contender Bonus regardless of if he/she is a Contender athlete.
 - 4.2.7.3.2. Ties for any other places will be treated and reported as ties.
 - 4.2.7.3.3. Payout for tied places will be combined and split evenly between the Athletes. Ties are all split with money from tied places being distributed evenly among tied athletes.

4.3. Team Roping

- 4.3.1. The World Series of Team Roping (WSTR) is the official administrator of The American Rodeo Team Roping Contender Tournament events.
- 4.3.2. Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Events
 - 4.3.2.1. The WSTR will produce six (6) designated Contender Tournament WSTR Open Ropings - two (2) in each Region.
 - 4.3.2.1.1. Eligibility fee (fee to compete) is \$250 per roper per entry in addition to the entry fee of the WSTR Open Event.
 - 4.3.2.1.2. The Contender pot is 70% payback with an additional \$10,000 added to the Contender Tournament pot.
 - 4.3.2.1.3. Athletes must have current WSTR or Key Card to enter.
 - 4.3.2.1.4. Athletes must be entered in the Open Roping to enter the Contender Tournament pot.
 - 4.3.2.1.5. Athletes may enter each Contender Tournament two (2) times or whatever the Open Roping event format is
 - 4.3.2.1.6. The top two (2) placing teams in each Contender Tournament WSTR Open Roping advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.
 - 4.3.2.1.7. An athlete may only advance once heading and once heeling to each Contender Regional Tournament Finals.
 - 4.3.2.1.7.1. If an athlete qualifies twice, his/her other partner can find a new replacement partner, but that partner must pay the \$500 eligibility fee as a replacement roper. Replacement roper must rope at the WSTR Finale.
 - 4.3.2.1.8. If neither athlete on a team wants to advance, the next highest placing eligible team will advance.

- 4.3.2.1.9. Athletes may enter a Contender Tournament (Qualifying) Roping even if he/she has already qualified for that Contender Tournament Regional Finals, but only to win money and not to advance. If a team already has a qualification to that Contender Tournament Regional Finals and the team places, they will vacate their qualification spot and the next highest placing team would fill it.
- 4.3.2.1.10. Teams are never allowed to split, creating two (2) teams.
- 4.3.3. WSTR Finale Open Roping Wild Card Contender Qualification
 - 4.3.3.1. The Team must be entered in the 2022 WSTR Finale Open Roping in order to be eligible.
 - 4.3.3.2. The nine (9) top fastest eligible teams from the WSTR Finale Open Roping Wild Card advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals. Each team has three options:
 - 4.3.3.2.1. Advance together as a team
 - 4.3.3.2.2. One partner forfeits his/her position, and the other partner finds a replacement partner. The replacement partner must have roped at the 2022 WSTR Finale and must pay a \$500 replacement eligibility fee.
 - 4.3.3.2.3. Both partners forfeit their advancement position because they can't go or because they are already qualified – in this case the next highest placing eligible team fills that advancement position.
 - 4.3.3.3. The nine (9) teams advancing from the WSTR Finale Open Roping Wild Card to the Contender Regional Finals will pick which Contender Tournament Regional Finals to compete at. These advancing teams will pay and eligibility fee of \$250 per roper. The teams will pick in order of highest placing team down. A maximum of three (3) teams advance to each Region.
- 4.3.4. Contender Tournament Regional Finals
 - 4.3.4.1. There will be three (3) Contender Tournament Regional Finals – the Western Contender Tournament Regional Finals, the Central Contender Tournament Regional Finals, and the Eastern Contender Tournament Regional Finals.
 - 4.3.4.2. Each Contender Tournament Regional Finals will be composed of twelve (12) Contender Teams. Three ways to advance to the Contender Tournament Regional Finals
 - 4.3.4.2.1. The top two (2) placing teams from each of the two (2) Regional Contender Tournament Qualifying Events in the Region
 - 4.3.4.2.2. Three (3) teams from the 2022 WSTR Finale Open Roping Wild Card
 - 4.3.4.2.3. Five (5) teams from the 6th – 20th ranked teams from the immediately preceding year's final PRCA Team Roping World Standings
 - 4.3.4.2.3.1. These fifteen (15) teams will be distributed amongst the three (3) regions to compete with no more than five (5) teams per Region.
 - 4.3.4.2.3.2. These athletes will select one (1) Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals to compete in. Athletes will select in order of the immediately

preceding year's PRCA World Standings with a maximum of five (5) positions available in each Region.

4.3.4.2.3.3. These athletes will pay \$250 per roper to enter the Contender Tournament Regional Finals.

4.3.4.3. Format

4.3.4.3.1. One (1) full round

4.3.4.3.2. Run positions will be randomly drawn.

4.3.4.3.3. Times from previous rounds do not roll forward except potentially for tie-breaker purposes.

4.3.4.3.4. Top four (4) fastest qualified times from each of the Contender Tournament Regional Finals advance to the American Rodeo Contender Finals. If there is tie, the tie will be broken by mutually agreed upon one (1) head run-off or by a coin flip.

4.3.4.3.5. An athlete can only have one (1) advancement position into the Contender Tournament Finals. If an athlete is in the top four (4) of more than one (1) Contender Tournament Regional Finals, the athlete will advance based on his/her first advancement position earned to the American Rodeo Contender Finals. Any other advancement positions to the American Rodeo Contender Finals vacated by that athlete will be rolled down to the next highest placing athlete in the Contender Tournament Regional Finals with the vacated position.

4.3.5. The Contender Tournament Finals

4.3.5.1. The Contender Tournament Finals consists of twelve (12) teams – the top four (4) placing teams from each of the three (3) Contender Tournament Regional Finals.

4.3.5.2. A team can only have one (1) advancement position into the Contender Tournament Finals. If a team is in the top four (4) of more than one (1) Contender Tournament Regional Finals, the team will advance based on their first advancement position earned to the American Rodeo Contender Finals. Any other advancement positions to the American Rodeo Contender Finals vacated by that team will be rolled down to the next highest placing team in the Contender Tournament Regional Finals with the vacated position.

4.3.5.3. Format:

4.3.5.3.1. One (1) full round

4.3.5.3.2. Run positions will be randomly drawn

4.3.5.3.3. Times from any other rounds of competition do not roll forward except potentially for tie-breaker purposes.

4.3.5.3.4. Top five (5) fastest qualified times in the Contender Tournament Finals advance to The American Rodeo Round of 10. If there is a tie for the last position, the tie breaker will go to the team that placed highest in his/her Regional Finals with rank among corresponding placed by number of entries in each Region.

4.3.6. The American Rodeo Round of 10

4.3.6.1. The American Rodeo Round of 10 consists of ten (10) teams – the five (5) teams that advanced from the Contender Tournament Finals plus the "Top 5"

finishers from the immediately preceding year's PRCA Team Roping World Standings.

- 4.3.6.2. Format:
 - 4.3.6.2.1. One (1) full round
 - 4.3.6.2.2. Run positions: The "Top 5" and five (5) Contender teams will alternate run positions beginning with a "Top 5" team first. The "Top 5" will run in opposite order of their immediately preceding year's final PRCA World Standings rankings and the five (5) Contender teams will run in order of slowest qualified time to fastest qualified time from the Contender Tournament Finals. (i.e., #5 ranked PRCA "Top 5" team, followed by the 5th place finisher Contender team from the Contender Tournament Finals, followed by the #4 ranked PRCA "Top 5" team, followed by the 4th place finisher Contender team from the Contender Tournament Finals continuing that pattern until all have competed.)
 - 4.3.6.2.3. Times from any other rounds of competition do not roll forward except potentially for tie-breaker purposes.
 - 4.3.6.2.4. The teams with the top four (4) fastest qualified times in The American Rodeo Round of 10 advance to The American Rodeo Round of 4. If there is a tie for the last position, the tie breaker will be as follows:
 - 4.3.6.2.4.1. If the tie is between a Contender team and a "Top 5" team, the tie breaker will be awarded to The Contender team.
 - 4.3.6.2.4.2. If the tie is between two (2) or more Contenders, the tied team with the fastest qualified time in the Contender Tournament Finals will advance.
 - 4.3.6.2.4.3. If the tie is between two (2) or more "Top 5" teams, the tie will go to the tied team with the highest ranking from the immediately preceding year's final PRCA Team Roping World Standings.
- 4.3.7. The American Rodeo Round of 4
 - 4.3.7.1. The American Rodeo Round of 4 consists of the teams with the top four (4) fastest qualified times in The American Rodeo Round of 10.
 - 4.3.7.2. Format:
 - 4.3.7.2.1. One (1) full round
 - 4.3.7.2.2. Run positions will be based on qualified times from The American Rodeo Round of 10 with the teams with the slowest advancing qualified time competing first and the team with the fastest qualified time competing last.
 - 4.3.7.3. The team with the one (1) fastest qualified time in The American Rodeo Round of 4 will be crowned The American Rodeo Team Roping Champion.
 - 4.3.7.3.1. If there is a tie for 1st place, tie breaker will be as follows: The tied Athletes will compete again.
 - 4.3.7.3.1.1. The tied Teams will compete again, on one (1) additional run, to determine the Champions.

Team with the fastest qualified time in the rope off wins the Championship. If still tied the Teams are named Co-Champions. If neither Team receives a qualified time in the rope off, the Teams are named Co-Champions. If neither Team receives a qualified time, the Teams are named Co-Champions. Co-champions are not eligible for the Contender Bonus regardless of if he/she is a Contender Athlete Team.

4.3.7.3.2. Ties for any other places will be treated and reported as ties.

4.3.7.3.3. Payout for tied places will be combined and split evenly between the Tied Teams.

5. PAYOUT PROCEDURES / PRIZE MONEY

5.1. The Payout Schedule for the Contender Tournament Regional Finals, Contender Finals, and The American are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5.2. The Payout for the Contender Tournament Events, Regional Semi-Finals and Wild Card will be determined on the number of entries each event has with distribution of eligibility fees paid based on the following:

5.2.1. Timed Events (excluding Team Roping): 25% of eligibility fees are paid out in the Contender Tournament Event directly; 25% of eligibility fees are paid out in the Contender Tournament Semi-Finals; 20% of eligibility fees are paid out in the Contender Wild Card.

5.2.2. Roughstock Events: 50% of eligibility fees are paid out in the Contender Tournament Regional Semi-Finals; 20% of eligibility fees are paid in the Contender Wild Card.

5.3. Each athlete must complete an Athlete Agreement and submit a W-9 for US citizens and a W-8 for foreign/international residents. Earned prize money will not be paid without a current W-9 (or W-8, in a non-US citizen) on file. Teton shall file Form 1099s as needed and if required, and in accordance with, applicable law.

6. CONTENDER BONUS PAYOUT PROCEDURES

6.1. Eligibility for the Contender Bonus:

6.1.1. Athletes who have advanced through The American Rodeo Contender Tournament AND win his/her respective individual final Discipline AND are crowned The American Rodeo Event Champions will be eligible to win the Contender Bonus in accordance with Sub-Section 6.1.1.1 and 6.1.1.2 below. Additionally, Invited Contender Athletes shall be eligible in accordance with Sub-Section 6.1.1.1 below.

6.1.1.1. Qualified Rides/Times:

6.1.1.1.1. Between The American Rodeo Round of 10 and The American Rodeo Round of 4, Athletes must have a minimum of two (2) qualified rides/runs earning an official score/time in order to be eligible for the Contender Bonus. (Regardless of the number of opportunities to earn a qualified score/time.)

6.1.2. In the occurrence that The American Rodeo All-Around Champion is not crowned a specific event champion, the All-Around Champion will NOT be eligible for the Contender Bonus.

6.2. The Contender Bonus will be disseminated to eligible The American Rodeo Event Champions, as follows:

6.2.1. If two (2) or more event champions are eligible, the money will be evenly split between the number of eligible event champions.

- 6.2.1.1. Should a Co-Champion(s) be named, Co-Champions are not eligible for the Contender Bonus regardless of if he/she is a Contender athlete.
 - 6.2.2. In the occurrence of only one (1) eligible champion, the full Contender Bonus of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) will be paid to the one (1) eligible event champion.
 - 6.2.3. In the occurrence that there are no eligible event champions, the full one million dollars (\$1,000,000) will carry forward to the next year's (2024) The American Rodeo competition.
 - 6.2.4. The Contender Bonus will be issued to the Champion and recorded on the entry within thirty (30) days of the close of competition, thereby ending Teton's responsibility.
 - 6.2.5. The Contender Bonus payment(s) will be payable by check and mailed to the Champion at the address on file with Teton within thirty (30) days after the show.
 - 6.3. Strict Athlete Adherence: Athletes must strictly comply with the above-mentioned rules in order to qualify and be eligible for the Contender Bonus. Any deviations therefrom can result in disqualification from eligibility or forfeiture of the Contender Bonus, as solely determined by Teton.
7. GENERAL RULES
- 7.1. For all purposes in connection with The American Rodeo, including, without limitation, qualification and eligibility for the Contender Bonus and all other events that are part of The American Rodeo, Athletes must strictly comply with all rules and policies as applicable to The American Rodeo including, without limitation, those contained in Sections 6.1 – 6.3 above; the General Rules below; all other provisions and policies contained herein; all other provisions of the Athlete Agreement, as all rules and policies that are posted in or around the venues, or otherwise announced by Teton. All determinations in connection with violations of any of the foregoing shall be made by Teton in its sole discretion and shall be final and not subject to challenge or appeal.
 - 7.2. Honest Effort:
 - 7.2.1. Teton and its designated rodeo officials shall have the right to determine whether an athlete violates the Honest Effort Rule and to determine whether to apply one or more of the sanctions set forth below, in their sole discretion, which shall not be subject to challenge or appeal:
 - 7.2.1.1. Disqualification from the round in which the violation occurred and any remaining rounds of the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo;
 - 7.2.1.2. Return of any and all prize money or prizes won in connection with the round in which the violation occurred and any prior rounds and/or events of the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo;
 - 7.2.1.3. And prohibition from competing or participating in any future Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo related events.
 - 7.2.2. The following acts or omissions shall be deemed to be violations of the Honest Effort Rule with respect to the events set forth below:
 - 7.2.2.1. Barrel Racing Discipline: In the Barrel Race, an athlete who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his/her horse through the electric eyes (unless The American Rodeo officials rule the athlete's horse refuses beyond his/her control) shall automatically be deemed not to have given an honest effort. Once the athlete has ridden his/her horse through the electric eyes, it is the sole responsibility of Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo officials to determine whether the athlete has given an honest effort. In making this determination, the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo officials will consider whether the athlete has made a good faith effort to successfully complete the event and record a qualified time to the best of that Athlete's ability.

- 7.2.2.2. Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Tie-down Roping, and Steer Wrestling Disciplines: In these timed events, an Athlete who fails to ride, using the appropriate equipment, his/her horse across the score line (unless The Contender Tournament and/or American rodeo officials rule that he/she was fouled leaving the box) shall automatically be deemed to have not given an honest effort. Once the Athlete has ridden his/her horse across the score line, it is the sole responsibility of Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo officials to determine whether the Athlete has given an honest effort. In making this determination, Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo officials will consider whether the Athlete has made a good faith effort to complete the event and record a qualified time to the best of his/her ability.
- 7.2.2.3. Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding: In Roughstock events, an Athlete who fails to ride, using appropriate equipment, his horse or bull out of the chute (unless Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo officials rule the livestock stalled within the chute or the Athlete was fouled coming out of the chute) shall automatically be deemed to not have given an honest effort. Specifically, the Bareback Rider must have his hand in the rigging and be seated on the horse until the inside shoulder of the horse crosses the plane of the chute gate; the Saddle Bronc Rider must have his feet in the stirrups, seat in the saddle and rein in his hand when the inside shoulder of the horse passes the plane of the chute gate; and the Bull Rider must have his hand in his bull rope with wrap taken and be seated on the bull when the inside shoulder of the bull crosses the plane of the chute gate. Once the Athlete has ridden the horse/bull out of the chute, it is the sole responsibility of Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo officials to determine whether the Athlete has given an honest effort. In making this determination, The American Rodeo officials will consider whether the Athlete has made a good faith effort to complete his/her ride to the best of his/her ability.

- 7.3. "Prohibited Conduct" includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 7.3.1. Failure of an Athlete to fulfill contractual obligations associated with the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo;
 - 7.3.2. Cheating or attempting to cheat during any round of the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo or any The American Rodeo related events;
 - 7.3.3. Attempting to fix or improperly influence the results and/or final outcome of any round of the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo or any The American Rodeo-related events;
 - 7.3.4. Acting with the intent to affect the outcome of any round of the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo or any The American Rodeo related events;
 - 7.3.4.1. Offers, confers, or agrees to confer any benefit on, or threatens harm to:
 - 7.3.4.1.1. A participant in the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo or any The American Rodeo related events, to induce them not to use their best efforts; or
 - 7.3.4.1.2. An official or other person associated with the contest.
 - 7.3.5. Acting in a threatening, intimidating, harassing or violent manner toward any persons;
 - 7.3.6. Violation of the Athlete Agreement;
 - 7.3.7. Violation of applicable law or regulations;

- 7.3.8. Violation of Sub-Section 7.4 (Livestock Welfare); and/or
- 7.3.9. Violation of Sub-Section 7.5 (Offensive Behavior).
- 7.3.10. Teton shall make the determination as to whether an athlete has engaged in any Prohibited Conduct, including, but not limited to, the conduct listed above and as set forth in Sub-Sections 7.4 and/or 7.5. Any Athlete who engages in any Prohibited Conduct shall be subject to any or all of the following, at the sole discretion of Teton, without waiver of any other rights and remedies under applicable law:
 - 7.3.10.1. Disqualification from the round in which the violation occurred and any remaining rounds of the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo;
 - 7.3.10.2. Return of any and all prize money or prizes won in connection with the round in which the violation occurred and any prior rounds and/or events of the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo; and
 - 7.3.10.3. Prohibition from competing or participating in any future Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo related events
- 7.4. Livestock Welfare. Teton is committed to the extraordinary care of livestock. It has strict policies prohibiting the use of animal prods of any type (to include, but not limited to, sharp instruments, hotshots, other electric shocking devices, joy buzzers, or vibrators) during any the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo event or round of competition. Approved and designated representatives of the Contender Tournament's and/or The American Rodeo's general stock contractor may carry hotshots for use in the alleys, pens, and dock loading areas to facilitate movement of animals if there appears to be imminent danger to any humans or animals. Failure to adhere to these policies will result in breach of the Athlete Agreement.
 - 7.4.1. All Athletes along with their traveling companions/assistants (whether entered in the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo or not) must comply with all Livestock Welfare rules and regulations as they pertain to their personal animals, the animals of the Contender Tournament and/or The American Rodeo's stock contractors, or any other animals with which he/she may come in contact. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations will result in breach of the Athlete Agreement and may result in criminal prosecution or citation if local and/or state animal welfare laws are violated.
- 7.5. Family Event; Offensive Conduct: All Athletes need to remain mindful that both the Contender Tournament and The American Rodeo are family-oriented events and will be broadcasted/streamed live. Athletes must not behave or comport themselves in a manner that is offensive to any social or ethnic groups and that will be appropriate for a family audience. Each Athlete understands and acknowledges that areas in and around the Arena floors will have multiple cameras and microphones that may or may not be visible and that all speech and behavior may be broadcast, recorded and/or displayed on screens at the venue, or elsewhere.
- 7.6. Officials, along with Teton have the authority to enforce all rules.
 - 7.6.1. The American Rodeo is represented, during live competition, by the Arena Floor Director and the Rodeo Producer. Their decisions on non-scoring, production, performance, and procedural issues are final.
 - 7.6.2. Per the Athlete Agreement, all decisions of Contender Tournament Judges and The American Rodeo Judges are final. All scores and times, once calculated and approved by the Rodeo Secretary and the Judges are final.
 - 7.6.3. Athletes may not approach the judges during the live event unless the judge initiates the conversation. Further, athletes may not attempt to intimidate, persuade, or harass judges in any way inside or outside of the Arena, including, without limitation, appeals for re-rides. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from any further rounds of The American Rodeo 2023 and potential disqualification of future events.

- 7.7. Back Numbers: Athletes must wear 2023 The American Rodeo Back Numbers at all times when competing at The American Rodeo. Back numbers will grant entrance and serve as a credential to access the Arena.
 - 7.7.1. Athletes advancing to The American Rodeo Round of 10 will be required to wear a back number when competing but will receive a credential to access the stadium.
- 7.8. Order of Events: The order of events for each round of competition will be posted in advance.
- 7.9. Attire and Patch Programs: Athlete will be granted the opportunity to wear or display patches of sponsors. Patches and Sponsorship inclusion must follow standard “rodeo display sizes” and must not be vulgar or offensive in any way.
- 7.10. Media and Press Expectations
 - 7.10.1. Athlete agrees to be available for media interviews, live event interviews, social highlights, and press requests during the days/evenings he/she is participating within The American Rodeo.
 - 7.10.2. Athlete agrees to take head shots, hard shots, and video sound bites upon arrival to his/her first round of competition.
 - 7.10.3. Athlete agrees to make good faith efforts to be available for public appearances, sponsorship activations, meet and greets, promotional activities, etc. to better promote the rodeo industry, western lifestyle, and The American Rodeo.
- 7.11. Athlete Stipulations:
 - 7.11.1. Gender: There is no gender requirement for Bareback Riding, Bull Riding, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, or Barrel Racing. All Breakaway Roping athletes must be female, as denoted on their birth certificate.
 - 7.11.2. Age: There is no general age requirement for timed events, however, there is an 18+ year age requirement for all Roughstock Disciplines. Minors shall be required to provide Teton with a duly executed Parental Consent in the form to be provided by Teton, prior to being permitted to compete.

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Exhibit "A"

CONTENDER TOURNAMENT & THE AMERICAN GUARANTEED PAYOUTS

Contender Tournament				The American	
Regional Finals Payout				Round of 10 Payout	
\$20,000 Purse (per discipline)				\$3,000 Purse (per discipline)	
Place	Amount			Place	Amount
1	\$10,000			5	\$500
2	\$6,000			6	\$500
3	\$3,000			7	\$500
4	\$1,000			8	\$500
				9	\$500
				10	\$500
The American				The American	
Contender Finals Payout				Round of 4 Payout	
\$40,000 Purse (per discipline)				\$140,000 Purse (per discipline)	
Place	Amount			Place	Amount
1	\$15,000			1	\$100,000
2	\$10,000			2	\$25,000
3	\$6,000			3	\$10,000
4	\$3,000			4	\$5,000
5	\$1,000				
6	\$1,000				
7	\$750				
8	\$750				
9	\$500				
10	\$500				
11	\$500				
12	\$500				
13	\$500				