

Congratulations on winning your way to the MULTI - MILLION DOLLAR WSTR VEGAS FINALE ! It is no longer THE team roping event of the year, it has become the premier horse event in the World. If you have attended a Finale in the past, welcome back. If you are entering for the first time, we will do our best to ensure you have a memorable experience. The South Point Hotel and Casino and Equestrian Event Center "Cowboy Central" is a unique venue located at the south end of the strip.

A Finale Entry Form is enclosed. Take advantage of your opportunity for a discounted entry.

Remember to get your entry mailed and postmarked within 30 days of your qualification win (by January 31st if you qualified in Oct, Nov or Dec 2019).

LAST YEAR'S FINALE XIV PAID OVER \$13.8 MILLION IN CASH
& \$300,000 IN PRIZES

It is an understatement to say the World Series of Team Roping Las Vegas Finale became the 2nd richest horse event in the world. The focus has now shifted to the divisions themselves where every single division pays over \$1 Million and two of the seven divisions paid in excess of \$2 million. There is no other performance horse event in the world that can touch this one. Because of our leveraged payouts of 80%, during the season few qualifiers are able to also provide prizes. However, make no mistake you will still get the 80% payout at the Finale in every division and over \$300,000 of the top industry prizes at the Grand Finale.

ARIAT WSTR Finale Entry Deadlines and Entry Fees:

21 year of birth age limit (born in 1999 or earlier) in all divisions except the #14.5 and Open.

Entry fee prices are based on each roper's circumstance. **MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER AT TIME OF ENTRY.**

☑ Qualified Roper: Price - \$2000/roper

Deadline – 30 days after winning \$5000/tm *No later than Jan 31- deadline for ropers qualifying in Oct, Nov, Dec, 2019.

Entry deadline for ropers qualifying in Sep 2020 must be paid in 30 days or by Oct 02 (whichever occurs first)

☑ Direct Entry Roper: Price - \$2250/roper *After Sep 1 thru Oct 23, Price - \$2500/roper

Deadline – No later than Sep 1, (Direct entry fee difference refunded upon notification within 30 days of qualification win.)

*After Sep 1, Price - \$2500/roper, no discounts applied if paid after Oct 2, regardless of prior discounts earned.

☑ Legacy Roper: Price - \$2000/Legacy roper, \$2250/guest, including TBAs

One discounted entry, unless you are a Key Card Member.

Deadline – No later than May 31, Price(TBAs who are Legacy and named after May 31 do not receive the Legacy discount.

Legacy status eliminated if you have not attended a Finale event in the last three years - 2016 or later.)

☑ TBA Partner: Price - \$2250

Deadline – Named before Oct 02, (no Legacy discounts for TBA named after May 31)

☑ Accumulated Earnings - Price - \$2000/roper

Winning \$2500/accumulated by Sep 30: Deadline – Notification no later than Oct 02, one per \$2500 won by WSTR & Key Card Members Only from the time of membership purchase, forward. Late notifications will not be refunded

2020 Finale Schedule of Events, 8am Each Day

Note: This schedule is based on the preceding year and is subject to change based on the number of Entries.

Gold Buckle Beer Open To The World, Sat, Dec 5

#14.5 Sun, Dec 6

#08.5 #4.5 cap (Hd or Hl) Sat, Dec 12 & Sun, Dec 13

#13.5 Sun, Dec 6 & Mon, Dec 7

Indoor Enter On-Site Event: #14.5 Sat, Dec 5

#12.5 Mon, Dec 7 & Tue, Dec 8

American Cowboy Qualifiers Daily

#11.5 #7 HL cap Tue, Dec 8 & Wed, Dec 9

Outdoor Events Daily

#10.5 #6 HL cap Thu, Dec 10 & Fri, Dec 11

#09.5 #5.5 HL cap Fri, Dec 11 & Sat, Dec 12



QUALIFICATION & ENTRY RULES IF YOU QUALIFY

Qualification Entry:

Qualification entry is earned by winning at least \$5000/team at a qualification event or \$1600/team at an American Cowboy event. By earning a qualification spot, i.e., \$5000/team at a Qualification event or winning \$1600/team at an American Cowboy Qualifier you are eligible to receive a discounted entry (entry fees at the Finale are *\$2250, discounted entry fees are \$2000). In order to exercise this option your entry fee must be postmarked **within 30 days of winning. Qualification entries are not generic and must be used in the division won, unless there is a number change or you are a Key Card Member. If you miss the discount entry deadline those qualification winnings no longer count and DO NOT turn into accumulated earnings.** Questions relating to this are: Q: What if my partner is already entered or we want to rope with someone else? A: Qualification entries and direct entries are based on you as an individual. If you want to split and select a replacement partner, that roper's fees are based on his/her situation. You may pick a replacement partner who has or will rope at a 2020 WSTR qualifier or who has roped the 2018 or 2019 WSTR Finale event. If we receive your entry within the 30 days, and you notify us that you need to find another partner, your replacement partner will need to pay \$2250 no later than October 2. Q: What if I miss the 30 day window? A: Your discount period expires and the entry status changes to a direct entry and the entry fee is \$2250. Your winnings do not become accumulated earnings. Q: What if my classification or my partner's classification changes? In this case, we will allow you to move up to another division, or split and find a new partner. If you pay your entry within 30 days, you will have an additional 30 days to find a replacement partner at the discounted rate of \$2000, beyond the 30 days the replacement partner fees are \$2250. The partner must have roped at a 2020 season qualification event or the 2019 WSTR Finale Event and if paid within 30 days of the number change. For number changes only, the replacement partner entry fee is \$2000, if paid within 30 days of the number change.

INCOMPLETE ENTRIES ARE DRAWN OUT AND REFUNDED ON NOVEMBER 6.

Accumulated Earnings:

A **WSTR member or Key Card Member** can also qualify with accumulated earnings: Accumulation begins once your WSTR membership or Key Card is purchased in the current season. This is only available to WSTR members or Key Card members who 1.) Have NOT won an outright qualification spot, and have cumulatively earned \$5000/team to qualify. This can be done in any combination with another WSTR member, i.e., you can win \$4000 and your partner \$1000 over the course of the year, \$2500/each, etc. Accumulated earning entries are generic and counted thru September 30; the entry and \$2000 fees are due no later than Oct 02. 2.) If you have previously entered the Finale on a qualification spot during the current season and then win a qualification spot again in that same division (example if you qualify in Jan in the #10.5 and enter the Finale, and you qualify again in the #10.5 later, that amount of money becomes accumulated earnings and can be applied generically, i.e., to enter any division at the Finale).

DRAW POSITIONS

First to enter last to rope, until May 31. Legacy ropers can request a specific rotation **if requested when they enter by May 31.** Qualified ropers have priority before direct entry ropers entering after May 31. Confirmations with draw positions are mailed to each contestant in late November.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS/STALL RESERVATIONS

If you are a first time qualified roper and this will be your first trip to Las Vegas, please do not procrastinate reserving your hotel and stall. Even though only entered contestants are eligible to reserve a stall and hotel, each year the contestant block at the South Point Hotel and the stalls at South Point generally sell out by the end of April. Stalls and rooms at the other locations generally sell out by October.

Stalls:

Stalls are only sold with advanced reservations and are sold by the week. This allows ropers to change their travel arrangements without affecting their stall availability. Priority on stall assignments are based on how many times you are entered and the selection of your hotel reservation. Even if you buy an indoor stall in January, you may not get the indoor stall if you are only entered once. Because we have different stall locations it is important to let us know who you are traveling with so that we can attempt to get each of you at the same location. The stall reservation form is attached. Stall reservations are limited to one per contestant and are only accepted after you are entered in at least one event. A 2nd stall may be purchased when and if you are heading and heeling. Location names have changed, the Offsite South Lot is now called Offsite Celebrity Ranch. The South Point Outdoor stalls will be sold as two separate locations because there is a parking lot separating the two. South Point Outdoor is behind the South Point Equestrian Center. South Point Centex Lot is next to the Outdoor Qualification Arena. Both lots will have access to their trailers and ropers can easily ride to the Arenas.

Outside Stalls will be assigned as you arrive. If stalls are available next to each other and you and your traveling partner are together & assigned at the same location, you will be stalled together.

Hotel Rooms – Reserve at time of entry!

Our mission each year is to handle all of your needs with the least amount of hassle. That is a difficult situation with the size of the South Point facility (stalls, hotel rooms, parking). The big problem that we face every year is mathematical and you won't need a calculator. The South Point has 1,100 indoor stalls, and gives us a room block of 1,000. There will be over 3000 contestants attending the World Series Finale. Therefore, we also offer rooms at the Grandview, and the Berkley which offer apartment style suites. The Grandview is right next door to the South Point. The Berkley is about 1 mile north of the South Point. In order to control the block of rooms, WSTR handles all hotel reservations and will forward the information to the respective properties. Reservations are accepted once you are entered. **HOTEL RESERVATION CAN ONLY BE SECURED WITH A CC, sending a check will only delay your reservation. Please check the form to see what hotels have availability.**

Vegas Finale Format:

Qualification to the short round is done by rotation. Our strategy of qualifying short-go ropers by rotation guarantees that teams only have to be in the top eight (as an example) of their rotation to reach the Finale short round. The event is three full rounds and an aggregate short go. (Mulligan rounds are part of the Consolation, see description below.) Roper who don't make the cut, but are faster than a slower team who make their rotation cut and in the short round, will win \$4500/team.

At the end of every rotation you and your partner will progress based on one of three scenarios. 1) You roped well enough to be one of the 44 teams who advance (as an example) to the four steer short round, 2) You and your partner roped all three steers but missed the cut, 3) You have two steers down and will advance to the Consolation. The teams who miss two or more steers are the only teams who are out of the roping at this point. Item #1 is pretty self explanatory, but item #2 and #3 will combine and rope in the Consolation. After the 3rd steer is roped in each rotation, the fastest 20 consolation teams in that rotation, plus any at-large teams who could potentially be consolation teams will rope another steer; this is called the mulligan round. Why mulligan? The slowest time of the three steers is eliminated to isolate the two best times, and essentially these teams get a "do-over." This one extra steer in the consolation shakes things up a bunch. The fastest five teams out of the mulligan round will win the rotation consolation payout. This truly is a second roping within the main roping. Go Round Checks- The fastest time is paid in each rotation. Because all 44 teams (as an example) progressing to the average are guaranteed a check, there is no fast time paid in the short round.

A complete explanation will be in the Finale newsletter mailed in Nov and is also at WSTRoping.com.

GIST BUCKLE ORDERING INFO FOR WINNERS – SEE THE FULL SELECTION AND PRICING AT WSTROPING.COM

One of the great features of WSTR Qualification Ropings is its 80% payback. This minimizes the contractor commissions and the available money for prizes. Most ropers are happy with the cash, however, we have ropers who want to purchase prizes with some of their winnings, preferring buckles. As a result, Gist has a WSTR pricing sheet with various metals and thus various buckle prices for any of you who might want a buckle. View the full price listing and samples at wstroping.com, under the forms tab. **Congratulations on your win this year and we hope to see you at the Grand Finale!**



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