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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is Eligible to Enter the 2022 Elite World Finals?

All USTPA members may qualify to ride in the 2022 USTPA Elite Team Penning World Finals. To qualify, riders must;

- i. Ride a minimum of Three (3) USTPA Qualifying Shows during the Qualifying Period (6 ride minimum, pen/sort or a combination of both required for a show to count).
- ii. Ride a minimum of Twenty-Four (24) 1st Go Elite Team Penning Class rides during the Qualifying Period (The “Qualifying Period” for the 2022 Elite World Finals is May 10, 2021, through and including May 09, 2022).

What is the Registration Deadline for the 2022 Elite World Finals?

- **There are TWO Deadlines to be aware of.**

Registration Info and Deadline

- The last date for any rider to **Register** to enter the 2022 Elite World Finals is **April 25, 2022**. Laura Roberson will attempt to contact each qualified rider prior to that date to assist, but you can also Register by sending the information to the USTPA office to: membersupport@ustpa.com. There is no charge to Register, **but you must send your Registration information to the office (or provide to Laura) on or before Monday, April 25th to be eligible to enter the Elite World Finals.**
- **To Register**, simply send an e-mail to membersupport@ustpa.com with your name and number of stalls needed (including any tack stall), and how many teams you intend to enter (including draws). You may change the number of entries as you determine exactly what teams you will enter, but please provide your best estimate of entries at Registration. **Again, you may also Register with Laura when you speak with her, but you must provide the Registration Information on or before the April 25th deadline.**

- **Riders do NOT have to be fully qualified in order to Register (only to compete).** If you plan to complete qualifications after April 25th, **you must still Register to enter on or before April 25th.** If you Register and do not become fully qualified and enter teams by the Entry Deadline, your registration will be removed.

Qualified Team Entry Deadline

- The last date for any rider to commit to and **Enter their Finals Qualified Teams** is **May 02, 2022.**
- **Exception to the Entry Deadline:** Riders that qualify teams at the *JL Arena Last Chance Qualifier* may elect to enter teams qualified at that show, but those teams must be communicated to the USTPA Entry Manager (Laura Roberson) **at the show.** All teams except for those that are qualified at the *JL Arena Last Chance Qualifier* must be entered by May 2nd (you may substitute previously entered teams with teams qualified at the JL show if preferred, but you will need to immediately communicate any such changes to the teammates on the teams being replaced).

EXCEPT FOR TEAMS QUALIFIED AT THE JL ARENA LAST CHANCE QUALIFIER, ALL TEAMS MUST BE IN TO THE USTPA ENTRY MANAGER NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT May 02, 2022.

How do I reserve Stalls and RV spaces?

- The Show and Site Information includes everything about stalls reservations, stall mats, RV spaces, shavings, host hotel, golf cart rentals and much more and is available on the home page of USTPA.com.

How Many Teams Can I Enter?

- The Ride Limit is 24.
- This can be up to 20 qualified teams (teams that were qualified at USTPA shows during the season).
- Any combination of qualified teams and draw teams may be used to reach the ride limit of 24 so long as no more than 20 qualified teams are entered. *{So, think of it as sort of a Pick 20, Draw 4 or Draw up to 24. The “pick” teams in this case are the teams you qualified}*.

What About Draw Teams?

- Riders may enter as many draws as they would like up to the 24-ride limit (all riders must have at least two “Full-Draw” teams). A “Full Draw” team is one where the rider draws **both** of the other team members. Riders with few or even no qualified teams (but that are qualified to enter the show) may draw as many teams as they would like up to the ride limit of 24.
- This draw program gives every rider an equal opportunity to enter as many teams as they would like (up to the ride limit of 24) to compete for the Huge Payouts and High-Point Awards. And remember, the winning team in 2021 was a Draw Team!

What if I want to keep a Team, but one or more of the riders drop that team?

- If your team is dropped you can either select another qualified team if you have another available, draw a full replacement team, or;
- If two of the team members on a dropped team want to stay together, they can Draw (but not pick) the third team member (see more about drawing a single team member below).

Can I drop just one team member and then draw another to replace the one I dropped?

- NO. Riders may not drop one of their team members simply to draw a single partner replacement.
- The single partner replacement draw must be the result of one of the three team members dropping the entire team, not being qualified, or not being in attendance at the Elite World Finals. Then, if the remaining partners want to stay together, they may draw the one replacement team member.
- Teams completed by replacing a single team member are considered Draw Teams for the purposes of entries. This provides the rider the option to keep more of their “qualified” teams instead of having this (draw one rider) team counted as one of the “qualified” teams.
- All riders must enter two mandatory “Full Draw” teams and drawing a single replacement team member is not considered a Full Draw team.

How many times can I enter the same qualified team with the exact same three team members?

- THREE. No qualified team with the same three riders on that team, may enter (that exact team) more than 3 times in the Elite World Finals (unless an additional exact team is the result of a draw).

How do the Go-Rounds work at the 2022 Elite World Finals?

- An additional round has been added for the 2022 Elite World Finals. There is now a Top 60 that will have an opportunity to advance to the Top 20 rather than having to go directly from the third round to the Top 20.
 - a. First Round
 - b. Second Round: 40% of First Round Advances
 - c. Third Round: 40% of Second Round Advances
 - d. Fourth Round: Top 60 Teams Advance
 - e. Final Round: Top 20 (pays all 20 places). Ride Position determined by team selection, with leading team selecting their Finals ride position first (Draft).
[Top 20 Cattle Herds; 2 herds. 1-10 runs 1 herd, 11-20 runs a different herd]

How does the Handicap and Slide Work?

- The Elite Finals Class is a #10 with a 1 second handicap (time off) for every 1 rating point below the class number, and a 1 second “Slide” (time added) for every rating point over the class number (see below for additional information).

This allows the higher rated teams to still enter (if they so choose) since they qualified the team originally as a 10 team, but since they are now a more skilled team (thus the new higher team rating), their time is adjusted to account for that higher skill level in this #10 class.

[In the event one or more rider’s ratings are adjusted prior to the Elite World Finals, and the result is that the total combined team rider rating exceeds 10, the rider may still enter that qualified team to compete in the Elite World Finals, but that team will receive a 1 second addition to their actual time (a “Slide”) for every 1 team rating point above the class number (i.e., combined team rider rating of 11 = 1 second added to the actual time in each round)].

What is the Payout Structure for the 2022 Elite Finals?

- The payout at the 2022 Elite World Finals includes 60% of the base class entry fees (\$125 per ride), less the 10% that goes to the Fast-Go payout *Plus* the Added Money. Pays top 20 Places; \$75,000 Added Cash; \$40,000 Minimum Guaranteed to the Winning Team; Fast-Go paid through 5 places in the first-round only; USTPA Fees and Rules apply. Refer to show flyer for Award details.
- Top 20 Payout Distribution.

<u>Finals Placement</u>	<u>Pctg of Total Payout</u>	<u>Finals Placement</u>	<u>Pctg of Total Payout</u>	<u>Finals Placement</u>	<u>Pctg of Total Payout</u>	<u>Finals Placement</u>	<u>Pctg of Total Payout</u>
1	15.0%	6	7.0%	11	2.50%	16	2.00%
2	12.5%	7	6.0%	12	2.40%	17	1.90%
3	10.0%	8	5.0%	13	2.30%	18	1.80%
4	9.0%	9	4.0%	14	2.20%	19	1.70%
5	8.0%	10	3.0%	15	2.10%	20	1.60%

Is Fast-Go Money Paid at the 2022 Elite World Finals?

- YES. Fast-Go Payout will be included in the payout structure of the 2022 Elite World Finals – First Round Only. Pays five places (30%; 25%; 20%; 15%; 10%). The Fast-Go purse is 10% of the 60% payback

What is the Schedule for the 2022 Elite World Finals?

The final daily schedule is subject to change and if changed will be announced in advance. Based on anticipated team counts the following is the current planned schedule for the 2022 Elite World Finals. The exact number of teams to be run each day where partial rounds are run will be determined after the final 1st Go team count is determined.

- **Thursday May 12th:** 8am Start time. Round 1 will begin this day and will be completed on Friday.
- **Friday May 13th:** 8am Start time. The remaining teams from Round 1 will be followed by the first group of Round 2 teams.
- **Saturday May 14th:** 8am Start time. The remaining teams from Round 2 will be followed by all of Round 3. These rounds are estimated to be completed by approximately 4pm. This schedule allows for USTPA members to enjoy the free Chancey Williams concert beginning at 5pm in the PBR Fan Zone, presented by the USTPA and the PBR. <https://chanceywilliams.com/>. The PBR World Finals is in the Dickie's Arena at 6:45pm.
- **Sunday May 15th:** 9:00am, a special Cowboy Church will be held in the Will Rogers Coliseum. Additional details to be announced.
- Following the Cowboy Church Sunday morning, Round 4 consisting of the Top 60 teams will begin at 11am, and that Round will be completed at approximately 12:30pm. {For those interested, The PBR World Finals is in the Dickie's Arena at 1:45pm and is over by 4:45pm}
- The Top 20 Final Round of the 2022 Elite World Finals will run in between the first and second sections of the ABBI Bull Bash. This is a ticketed event. All USTPA riders entered in the Elite World Finals will be provided a competitor badge and two complementary tickets for access to the event.
- Doors open to the public at 5pm on Sunday the 15th and the Bull Riding begins at 6pm. The Top 20 Final round of the Elite World Finals will begin immediately following the first section of Bull Riding and a special Top 20 team introduction (approx. 7pm).

Are there dedicated Herd Holders for the Elite World Finals?

- YES. Competitors do NOT have to hold the herds during any round. They can focus on their riding only, never having to worry about staying in to hold the herd for the next team. Line-Up is on the side so riders enter the arena near the foul line ready to go. The side entry will be the "IN Gate", and the "OUT Gate" will be in the typical location on the back wall.

How are the High-Point Awards Points Calculated?

- One point is awarded to each rider on the team for every team beaten by the rider's team in the final class standings.
- Every team entered can earn points, subject to final team placement.
- Teams receiving a "No-Time" in the first round will not be awarded points for that team.

- So, for example, if 1000 teams are entered and you have a team that finishes the show 70th, you get 930 points for that one team (you beat 930 teams).

If you are also on a team that finishes 100th, you get 900 points for that team, and so on for every team you enter as long as you beat at least 1 team in the final class standings and do not get a No-Time in round 1.

As you can see, if you enter the maximum of 24 times you have 24 separate chances to earn points.

High Point Awards • Important Information

Show High-Point Winners are awarded prizes in accordance with the details on the show flyer and the information below.

Only one Show High-Point Award per Rider per rating class (1st thru 3rd in Novice, Amateur & Open).

Individual Round High-Point Winners for Rounds 1, 2 & 3 are awarded to the high-point individual rider for the round (all rating's classes, not separate ratings class awards for round winners). Only one Round High-Point prize per rider. In the event a rider wins more than one round, the rider placing second in the round will receive the award.

Does the Elite Finals count as a qualifying show for the 2022 USTPA World Finals or Regional Finals?

- NO. The 2022 Elite World Finals is a "Finals" show and does not count as a qualifying show for the 2022 USTPA World Finals or any 2022 USTPA Regional Finals.