



July 26th – 27th, 2024
West Monroe, LA • Ike Hamilton Expo Center

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Eligible to Enter the 2024 Elite Team Penning World Finals?

All USTPA members may qualify to ride in the 2024 USTPA Elite Team Penning World Finals. To qualify, riders must;

- i. Ride a minimum of Four (4) USTPA Qualifying Shows during the Qualifying Period
- ii. Ride a minimum of Twenty-Four (24) 1st Go Elite Team Penning Class rides during the Qualifying Period (The “Qualifying Period” for the 2024 Elite Team Penning World Finals is July 30th, 2023, through and including July 24, 2024).

What is the Registration Deadline for the 2024 Elite Team Penning 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 2024 Elite Team Penning World Finals is **July 22, 2024**. Brittany Appenzeller will attempt to contact each qualified rider prior to that date to assist, but you can also Register now by sending your information to the USTPA office: membersupport@ustpa.com. There is no charge to Register, *but you must send your Registration information to the office (or provide to Brittany) on or before Monday, July 22nd to be eligible to enter the Elite Team Penning 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.

- **Riders do NOT have to be fully qualified in order to Register (only to compete).** 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 **July 22nd, 2024.**

How do I reserve Stalls and RV spaces?

- To reserve stalls & RV, please email the USTPA Office at info@ustpa.com. Please include number of stalls, tack stalls & RV's.

How Many Teams Can I Enter In the #16 Elite Penning?

- 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 (2) "Full-Draw" teams). A "Full Draw" team is one where the rider draws both of the other team members. Two of the other draw teams may be partial draw teams but you still must take 2 full draw teams. 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.

How Many Teams Can I Enter In the #9 Penning?

- The Ride Limit is 6.
- Pick 5 Draw 1

How Many Teams Can I Enter In the Youth Penning?

- The Ride Limit is 4.
- Pick 1 Draw 1

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 Team Penning 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 Team Penning World Finals (unless an additional exact team is the result of a draw).

How do the Go-Rounds work at the 2024 Elite Team Penning World Finals?

- First Round
- Second Round: 40% of First Round Advances
- Third Round: 60% of Second Round Advances
- Fourth Round: 60% of Third Round Advances
- Final Round: Top 20 (pays all 20 places). Ride Position determined by team selection, with leading team selecting their Finals ride position first (Draft).

How does the Handicap and Slide Work?

- The Elite Team Penning World Finals Class is a #16 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 16 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 #16 class.

In the event one or more rider's ratings are adjusted prior to the Elite Team Penning World Finals, and the result is that the total combined team rider rating exceeds 16, the rider may still enter that qualified team to compete in the Elite Team Penning 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 (e.g., combined team rider rating of 17 = 1 second added to the actual time in each round).

What is the Payout Structure for the 2024 Elite Team Penning World Finals?

- The payout at the 2024 Elite Team Penning World Finals includes 60% of the base class entry fees (\$125 per ride). Pays top 20 Places; \$50,000 Added Cash; USTPA Fees and Rules apply. Refer to show flyer for Award details.
- Top 20 Payout Distribution.

2024 ELITE TEAM PENNING FINALS PAYOUT SCHEDULE							
Finals Placement	Average Payback Per Team	Added Money Per Team	Total Payout Per Team	Per Rider	Pctg	Pctg Paid	TO
1	\$7,425.00	\$5,500.00	\$12,925.00	\$4,308.33	11.00%	45.00%	Top 5
2	\$6,750.00	\$5,000.00	\$11,750.00	\$3,916.67	10.00%		
3	\$6,075.00	\$4,500.00	\$10,575.00	\$3,525.00	9.00%		
4	\$5,400.00	\$4,000.00	\$9,400.00	\$3,133.33	8.00%		
5	\$4,725.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,225.00	\$2,741.67	7.00%		
			\$52,875.00				
6	\$3,645.00	\$2,700.00	\$6,345.00	\$2,115.00	5.40%	25.00%	6th - 10th
7	\$3,510.00	\$2,600.00	\$6,110.00	\$2,036.67	5.20%		
8	\$3,375.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,875.00	\$1,958.33	5.00%		
9	\$3,240.00	\$2,400.00	\$5,640.00	\$1,880.00	4.80%		
10	\$3,105.00	\$2,300.00	\$5,405.00	\$1,801.67	4.60%	70.00%	Top Ten
			\$29,375.00				
11	\$2,193.75	\$1,625.00	\$3,818.75	\$1,272.92	3.25%		
12	\$2,193.75	\$1,625.00	\$3,818.75	\$1,272.92	3.25%		
13	\$2,193.75	\$1,625.00	\$3,818.75	\$1,272.92	3.25%		
14	\$2,193.75	\$1,625.00	\$3,818.75	\$1,272.92	3.25%		
15	\$2,193.75	\$1,625.00	\$3,818.75	\$1,272.92	3.25%	16.25%	11th - 15th
			\$19,093.75				
16	\$1,856.25	\$1,375.00	\$3,231.25	\$1,077.08	2.75%		
17	\$1,856.25	\$1,375.00	\$3,231.25	\$1,077.08	2.75%		
18	\$1,856.25	\$1,375.00	\$3,231.25	\$1,077.08	2.75%		
19	\$1,856.25	\$1,375.00	\$3,231.25	\$1,077.08	2.75%		
20	\$1,856.25	\$1,375.00	\$3,231.25	\$1,077.08	2.75%	30.00%	Bottom 10
			\$16,156.25				
TOTALS	\$67,500	\$50,000	\$117,500		100.00%		

****Note this is based off 300 teams, this is subject to change based on 2024 team count.**

What is the Schedule for the 2024 Elite Team Penning 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 2024 Elite Team Penning 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.

Friday, July 26th:

- 8:00am – Rounds 1-2 will be run through completion

Saturday July 27th:

- 8:00am – Rounds 3-4 will be run through completion
- 12:15pm - #9 Penning Rounds 1-2
- 2:00pm – Youth Penning Rounds 1-2
- 5:00pm – Raeco Builders Elite World Finals – Championship Saturday Night
 - Intro
 - #9 Penning Top 10
 - Youth Penning Top 10
 - #16 Elite Penning Top 20

Sunday July 28th:

- All horses and RV's should be removed from the grounds by 1pm.

How are the High-Point Awards Points Calculated?

- Points are calculated per the USTPA Rules found in the USTPA Rule Book.

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 place in Novice, Amateur & Open).

Does the Elite Team Penning World Finals count as a qualifying show for the 2024 USTPA World Finals?

- NO. The 2024 Elite Team Penning World Finals is a “Finals” show and does not count as a qualifying show for the 2024 USTPA World Finals. However, rider points earned at the show will be included for the 2024 USTPA World Champion Points Race.