

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR RODEO

Ground Rules & Event Conditions

Lazy E Arena – Guthrie, Oklahoma

July 8–11, 2026

\$145,000+ Guaranteed Added Money

1. DIVISIONS & ELIGIBILITY

*(Age as of first day of competition (July 8, 2026))

- Junior Division: 19 & under
- Youth Division: 15 & under
 - Youth contestants may enter up into the junior division.
- Riding Events: Minimum Age 15
 - Bareback Riding
 - Saddle Bronc Riding
 - Bull Riding
- All competitors must submit a Birth Certificate and W9 at time of entry.
- Contestant & parent signature required on the WCJR release of liability form.
- No membership is required. All athletes that meet age requirements are welcome.

2. EVENT DISCIPLINES

- Timed Events – Enter 1 Time
 - Tie-Down Roping
 - Team Roping (May enter 1X Heading & 1X Heeling)
 - Breakaway Roping
 - Steer Wrestling
 - Barrel Racing
 - Pole Bending
 - Goat Tying
- Riding Events
 - Bareback Riding
 - Saddle Bronc Riding
 - Bull Riding

3. ENTRY INFORMATION

- Qualifier Series winners are eligible to enter Last Chance Qualifier with NO entry fees. (MUST call and enter on NextGen to confirm your entry) Entries must be received/validated with NextGen by the stated deadline (June 29) or complimentary entry fee will be forfeited. Contestant may still enter but are subject to entry fee.
- Top 15 VRQ Leaderboard contestants are eligible to enter Semi-Finals with NO entry fees. (MUST call and enter on NextGen to confirm your entry) Entries must be received/validated with NextGen by the stated deadline (June 29) or complimentary entry fee will be forfeited. Contestant may still enter but are subject to entry fee.
- Top 15 from WCJR Leaderboard must confirm position by June 29
- Seeded athletes may still enter the WCJR Last Chance Jackpot rounds, but entry fees do apply.
- Entry Fees – 70% Payback
 - Last Chance Qualifier \$250 in each discipline for both Youth and Junior
 - Buy Back: \$100 per event
 - Semi-Finals Junior Division: \$350 per event
 - Semi-Finals Youth Division: \$250 per event
 - \$5,000 Added money in all Youth Divisions
 - \$10,000 Added money in all Junior Divisions

- Office Fee - \$50 per athlete
- Entry Deadlines
 - Entries Open: April 15 & Pre-Entries Close: June 29
 - \$50 Late Fee June 30-July 6 on NextGen
 - \$100 On Site Late Fee (Must be paid 1 hour prior to scheduled start time)
- Leaderboard Qualification - Point cut off as of June 14
- Top 15 athletes on the WCJR Leaderboard receive:
 - Automatic Semi-Final qualification (with no entry fee)
- Riding Events are restricted to WCJR Top 15 leaderboard qualifiers only (no riding events in Last Chance Qualifier)
- WCJR DRAW OUT GUIDELINES
 - All LCQ Draw Outs before entry deadline will receive a 80% refund of the actual paid entry fee only.
 - All LCQ Draw Outs 7 days or less prior to event will NOT be refunded.
 - All LCQ Draw outs after entry deadline with a Medical or Veterinary Release are eligible for a 70% refund of entry fee only.
 - Transaction Fees, Credit Card Processing Fees, and any applicable Office Fees are NOT refundable.

4. STALLING & CAMPING

- Online stalling and camping reservations – openstalls.com
- Stalling and camping open April 1 and close online July 7. After July 7, call the Lazy E Arena Stall Office at 405-293-0246 to reserve.
- Contestants move in will begin at 6:00PM on Monday July 6.
- All horses must follow Oklahoma State law and have current EHV vaccine.
- Golf Carts ONLY – NO 3 or 4 Wheelers, ATV's, Segways, Motorbikes, or Scooters.
- No horse or youth traffic on Lazy E Drive permitted. Bridle path access only.
- Dogs must be on a leash and cleaned up after.

5. EVENT RULES

- NHSRA Rulebook will be used for Barrel Racing and Pole Bending.
- Tie-down and breakaway will follow CN productions rules.
- A traditional rope barrier will be used for team roping, steer wrestling, tie-down and breakaway.
- An electric timer will be used for barrel racing and pole bending.
- An electric timer starts, and flagger will be used for goat tying.
- All timed event times will be given to the hundredth of a second.
- Team ropers may enter twice. Once heading and once heeling. Partners do not need to be the same but must meet the same age eligibility requirements.
- Must designate partners at time of entry.
- Three loops are permitted in the Semi and Finals. Contestants only need to carry one rope and may rebuild.
- Contestants must dally and will not be able to be tied on.
- Ladies are allowed to enter the team roping, and money won will count toward the All-Around.

6. GROUND RULES

- Full Western attire required for all contestants and helpers competing on the arena floor. This includes warm-up arena, behind the chute, etc.
- Back numbers must be worn by contestants and wristbands must be worn by helpers at all times.
- Mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. Any contestant, helper or participant that mistreats any animal may be disqualified from competition.
- Barrels and Poles (**NEW for 2026**) can enter up in the junior division as a roll over option. This allows contestants to carry their time from youth division to junior division. You must pay both entry fees for this option.
- Ground Money
 - If insufficient qualified times or scores exist, remaining payout will be split among qualified competitors.
- Instant Replay
 - Replay challenges are available during:
 - Semi-Finals
 - Championship Round

7. COMPETITION FORMAT

- **WCJR Last Chance (Timed Events Only) – July 8-9**
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 - Two rounds of competition.
 - Advancement to Semi-Finals:
 - Top 6 from Round 1
 - Top 6 from Round 2
 - Top 15 from the two-head aggregate
 - 27 athletes' advance
- **Buy back round - July 10**
 - Athletes who did not advance from the Last Chance Qualifier may enter the Buy Back Round.
 - One round of competition
 - Top 3 will advance to Semi-Finals.
 - Minimum 10 entries required to hold the round.
- **Semi-final round – July 10**
 - Timed Events
 - 15 WCJR Leaderboard athletes
 - 27 WCJR Last Chance qualifiers
 - 3 Buy Back Qualifiers
 - 45 total competitors
 - Advancement: Top 15 advance to Championship Round
 - Riding Events
 - 15 competitors (WCJR Leaderboard athletes ONLY)
 - One round of competitions in Semi-Finals
 - Advancement: Top 5 from semi-finals + Top 3 seeded leaderboard athletes advance to Championship Round.
- **Championship round - July 11**
 - Timed Events
 - 15 competitors.
 - Aggregate time of semi-finals round and final round will determine event champion.
 - Riding Events
 - 8 competitors
 - One round to determine the Champion.
 - Previous times or scores do not carry over.
 - Highest time or score wins the Event Championship.

8. TIE BREAKERS

*Used only for advancement or awards.

- Timed Events
 1. Highest Semi-Final placing
 2. Fastest Semi-Final time
 3. Highest WCJR Last Chance aggregate placing
 4. Fastest LCQ qualifying time
 5. Highest Ranking on Leaderboard coming into event.
- Riding Events
 1. Highest Semi-Final score
 2. WCJR Leaderboard ranking coming into event.
- *Championship Round ties will result in Co-Champions splitting the payout.

9. PAYOUT STRUCTURE

- Timed Events
 - WCJR Last Chance
 - Up to 8 places paid pending on number of entries and money in payout.
 - Based on 70% of entry fees
 - Buy Back Round
 - Advancement only – no payout
 - Semi-Final Round
 - Up to 6 places paid.
 - 70% of Entry Fees plus \$5,000 added in all Youth Divisions & \$10,000 Added in all Junior Divisions
 - Championship Round
 - Up to 6 places paid.
- Riding Events
 - \$10,000 Added per event.
 - 25% into the Semi Finals (pays 3 places)
 1. \$1,250
 2. \$750
 3. \$500
 - 75% into the Championship Round (Clean Slate)
 1. \$3,750
 2. \$2,250
 3. \$1,500

10. AWARDS

*High Point per discipline wins \$1,000 bonus

- Youth and Junior Divisions
 - Men's All-Around Champion – Saddle & Buckle
 - Women's All-Around Champion – Saddle & Buckle
- Determined by most total money won in 2 or more events.

11. Jr IRONMAN QUALIFIER SIDE POT CONDITIONS

- Jr Ironman Qualifier Side Pot is limited to Junior Division athletes.
- Athletes must enter and participate in WCJR in three of the following four disciplines - Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping Heading or Team Roping Heeling - to be eligible to enter the Jr Ironman Qualifier Side Pot.
 - Side Pot entry fee - \$100
 - Top three athletes that enter the Side Pot will qualify for the Jr Ironman Championship held in conjunction with the 2027 CINCH Timed Event Championship
- Side Pot results are based on WCJR overall event results and based on total points won in three or more events from all rounds of competition.
 - If athletes fail to win points in three or more events, the athlete who wins the most points in two events, but was entered in all four, shall be the winner. If points won in two events do not fill the three qualifying positions, the athlete who wins the most in one event, but was entered in all four shall be eligible. In the case of a tie for third place, the total time on eight head from the Qualifying Rounds will determine the contestant advancing to the Jr Ironman Championship. If a contestant receives a no-time in the Qualifying Rounds, they will receive a 60-second time penalty.
- If less than three athletes fail to win any points, the remaining positions will not be awarded.

12. Jr IRONMAIDEN QUALIFIER SIDE POT CONDITIONS

- Jr Ironmaiden Qualifier Side Pot is limited to Junior Division athletes.
- Athletes must enter and participate in WCJR in three of the following four disciplines - Breakaway, Goat Tying, Team Roping Heading or Team Roping Heeling - to be eligible to enter Jr Ironmaiden Qualifier Side Pot.
 - Side Pot entry fee - \$100
 - Top three athletes that enter the Side Pot will qualify for the Jr Ironmaiden Championship held in conjunction with the 2027 CINCH Timed Event Championship
- Side Pot results are based on WCJR overall event results and based on total money won in three or more events from all rounds of competition.
 - If athletes fail to win points in three or more events, the athlete who wins the most points in two events, but was entered in all four, shall be the winner. If points won in two events do not fill the three qualifying positions, the athlete who wins the most in one event, but was entered in all four shall be eligible. In the case of a tie for third place, the total time on eight head from the Qualifying Rounds will determine the contestant advancing to the Jr Ironmaiden Championship. If a contestant receives a no-time in the Qualifying Rounds, they will receive a 60-second time penalty.
- If less than three athletes fail to win any points, the remaining positions will not be awarded.
 - Point Structure

1 st	100 points	6 th	50 points
2 nd	90 points	7 th	40 points
3 rd	80 points	8 th	30 points
4 th	70 points	9 th	20 points
5 th	60 points	10 th	10 points