



2012 & 2011 Membership Handbook Rules Changes

2012 USTPA Rules Changes Summary

The following important rule changes have been made to the 2012 Membership Handbook. Please be sure to note these changes in competition rules for this show year.

Quick Reference

- **Competition Year Defined**
- **Only One Trash Cow**
- **Re-Rides Due to Out of Order Ride**
- **Maximum of Four Co-Sanctioned Shows for World Championship Qualification**

I. Membership Categories

8. Competition Year

USTPA'S competition year runs from six weeks prior to the World Championship to the following year six weeks prior to the World Championship. Any shows falling in the time period of six weeks prior to the World Championship Finals will be treated as falling into the next years' qualification period.

(Shows held after each region's Regional Finals will count towards the next show year and the next year's World Championship. For regions not having Regional finals, the cut-off is September 15.)

III. Team Penning Rules

7. Too Many Cattle

If more than three (3) head of cattle are across the start/foul line at the same time, the team will be judged a "no-time." Any part of the fourth animal that crosses the line will invoke a "no-time." Teams are permitted one trash (wrong-numbered) cow across the foul line but no more than three total cows at any one time. The trash cow can change throughout a run, but no more than one trash cow can be on the pen side at any point in time. If more than one trash (wrong-numbered) cow crosses the foul line at the same time the team will receive a no-time. Any part of the fourth animal that crosses the line will invoke a "no-time."

8. Re-Ride Situations

E. In the rare instance that a team rides out-of-order, their time and number of cattle will stand. No re-ride will be given for teams riding out of order. Once the problem is identified, the going forward teams will be correctly aligned, and in the case of sorting, placed in the proper arena and follow the order as posted. All go's must be posted before the round starts.

IX. Co-Sanctioning

6. World Championship Qualifications

Two co-sanctioned shows equal one sanctioned show, up to a maximum of four co-sanctioned to off-set two of the four sanctioned shows required for World Championship qualifications.

XII. USTPA Regional Finals and USTPA World Championship

2. Regional and World Championship Qualifying Requirements

A. Qualifying for any Regional Finals will be determined by each respective region's Directors.

B. To qualify for the World Championship in Penning, riders must ride a minimum of six Team Penning rides at four separate USTPA sanctioned shows during the qualifying period. For a rider to qualify for only one Team Penning class, they must ride that class three times at four sanctioned shows. To qualify for the World Championship in Sorting, riders must ride a minimum of three Sorting rides at four separate USTPA sanctioned shows during the qualifying period. Two co-sanctioned shows can be applied for each required sanctioned show in Sorting and/or Penning, up to a maximum of four co-sanctioned shows to off-set two of the four required sanctioned shows.

C. Members who compete in a given competition year, but are unable to satisfy the World Championship participation requirements due to an unexpected and bona fide medical condition, illness or injury, may receive a waiver for that competition year subject to approval of both Regional Directors and the USTPA Executive Board.

D. Participation is defined as a person holding a current Competitor membership which either competes in a show or serves as one of the official Judges, Announcer, Timekeeper or Secretary.

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2011 USTPA Rules Changes Summary

The following important rule changes have been made to the 2011 Membership Handbook. Please be sure to note these changes in competition rules for this show year.

Quick Reference

- **Leading Riders Now based on Points (instead of earnings)**
- **Caps Removed From All Classes**
- **Open Quick Draw Added (with new rules)**
- **Youth Rules Revised**

General Changes

Leading Rider Based on Points

The USTPA is proud to recognize our leading riders in each rating throughout the year and award our Year-End World Champions and Reserve World Champions. Starting in 2011, leading rider rankings are calculated on a point based system (rather than dollars earned). The top rider with the most points in each rider rating at the end of the show year is the USTPA Year End World Champion of that rating and receives a USTPA World Champion bronze trophy. The rider in each rating with the second highest amount of points earned during the show year is the USTPA Year-End Reserve World Champion of that rating and receives a USTPA Reserve World Champion bronze medallion. World Champion and Reserve World Champions are based on the point system detailed below:

1st Go: Teams in Class
2nd Go: Teams in Round
3rd Go: Teams in Round
Short Go: Teams in Round
Average: Overall Teams in Class

# of Teams	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place	10 th Place
3-4	1									
5-9	2	1								
10-14	3	2	1							
15-19	4	3	2	1						
20-24	5	4	3	2	1					
25-29	6	5	4	3	2	1				
30-34	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
35-39	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
40-44	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
45 & Up	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

II. Contest Classes

1. Standard Team Penning Classes

A. USTPA Sanctioned Shows: All USTPA Sanctioned Team Pennings may include any or all of the following suggested classes:

Quick Draw, Open Handicap Two Pick/ Two Draw with ½ Second, #13, #11, #9, #7, #5, and #3 Draw. Event producers may apply for special sanctioning to incorporate incentive subclasses; rating number caps; change 2 riders; or any other condition or limitation that the event producer wishes to request to enhance the participation at a sanctioned event. All approved special sanctioning conditions MUST be advertised in BOLD PRINT prior to the event and cannot be changed subsequent to such advertisement.

B. 2011 USTPA World Championship Classes:

At the 2011 USTPA World Championship, minimally the following classes will be offered: Open Two Pick/Two Draw with ½ Second Handicap; #13; #11; #11 Masters; #9; #5 and #3 Incentive; #3 Draw; Junior Youth; Senior Youth; AQHA. To qualify, riders must ride a minimum of six Team Penning rides at four separate USTPA sanctioned shows during the qualifying period. For a rider to qualify for only one Team Penning class, they must ride three times per USTPA show in that class at four sanctioned shows.

C. Youth Classes:

1) Junior 12 and Under - A Junior Youth team must consist of two (2) youth members in good standing, twelve years of age and under as of the first Monday after the USTPA World Championship Show. There will be no caps. The Junior Youth team must include one adult, preferably a rider rated #5 or higher, chosen by random draw; the adult cannot ride into the herd unless a cow, first brought out by a child, returns to the herd. The adult would pay no fees and would receive no awards. The adult may not call for time. 2) Seniors 16 and Under - A Senior Youth team may consist of any youth member in good standing, age not to exceed 16 as of the first Monday after the USTPA World Championship Show. 3) There will be no caps. Jr. Youth will ride on a 75 second clock with 2 full rounds. And Sr. Youth will ride a 60 second clock with 2 rounds progressive (must pen to progress). All Youth classes will be a Pick 2, Draw 1 (rider can draw all 3) and will offer 60% payback. A Top 10 Final Round will be offered at the World Championship.

E. Other Team Penning Class Descriptions:

- 1) Quick Draw - For riders rated five, six and/or seven. All teams must be entered prior to the beginning of the class before the Quick Draw. Draw will take place at the end of the first go of the class before the Quick Draw. Each rider entered will be assigned a number and teams will be drawn by number, rather than name. Class will include three progressive rounds (must pen to progress). A Top ten round will be added at the World Championship. 80% payback at National Production Shows. Prize money will be distributed to 1 for every 10 teams (or part of 10). Payout will be per team. Must ride one Quick Draw at a National Production Show to compete in the class at the World Championship.
- 2) Open Handicap, Pick Two/Draw Two with ½ Second - For all rated riders; Handicap provides ½ second off per round for each total team rating below 21. A rider must pick a team to draw a team and is required to take a draw team when choosing a pick. Four ride limit.
- 3) #13 - When the three riders' ratings are added together, the total cannot exceed 13. Three ride limit.
- 4) #11 - When the three riders' ratings are added together, the total cannot exceed 11. Three ride limit.

- 5) Masters Class #11 - Riders must be at least 50 years old on the day of the show and the three riders' ratings, when added together, cannot exceed 11. In the case, of pick two/draw one the rider can pick up to two teams, but must take at least one draw team. Three ride limit.
- 6) #9 with the #7 Incentive - This class has a four ride limit, with one of the four teams being a #7 Incentive. When the riders' ratings are added together, the total cannot exceed 9 on three of the teams, while the fourth team cannot exceed 7. A percentage of the entry fee of teams with a combined rating of 7 or below is placed in a separate jackpot from which only 7 or below rated teams can win. These same teams are also eligible for placings in the 9 portion of the jackpot.
- 7) #5 with the #3 Incentive - This class has a four ride limit, with one of the four teams being a #3 Incentive. When the riders' ratings are added together, the total cannot exceed 5 on three of the teams, while the fourth team cannot exceed 3. Percentage of the entry fee of teams with a combined rating of 3 or below is placed in a separate jackpot from which only 3 or below rated teams can win. These same teams are also eligible for placings in the 5 portion of the jackpot.
- 8) #3 Draw - Only 1 rated riders may enter this class and it is mandatory that a rider takes three rides. This class does not have any pick teams, but rather all teams are drawn.

2. Standard Ranch Sorting Classes

C. Youth Classes:

1) Junior 12 and under - A Junior Team must consist of two youth members in good standing, twelve years of age and under as of the first Monday after the USTPA World Championship Show. There will be no caps. 2) Seniors 16 and under - A Senior Team may consist of any youth member in good standing, age not to exceed 16 as of the first Monday after the USTPA World Championship Show. There will be no caps. 3) Jr. and Sr. Youth will ride on a 60 second clock. Jr. Youth will have 2 full rounds and Sr. Youth will have 2 rounds progressive (must pen to progress). All Youth classes will be a Pick 2, Draw 1 (rider can draw all 3) and will offer 60% payback. A Top 10 Final Round will be offered at the World Championship.

VIII. Sanctioning

8. Finals Fees

Event Producers are required to collect and forward a \$2 Finals Fee per rider for each time entered.

*a. Finals Fees collected by the Event Producer from each rider will be \$2 per rider for each time entered at **Regional Shows**. The split to the National/ Region will be as follows: two thirds of the Finals Fees collected shall be distributed back to the Region in which the show is held for their respective Regional Finals and to pay for the cost of Regional Year-End Awards, and one-third of the Finals Fees collected shall be distributed to the World Championship.*