



CHINOOK USTPA QUALIFIER UPDATE

Dear Members,

We are excited to announce that the Chinook Team Penning Association (Chinook) and USTPA executive have finalized the details of the USTPA and Chinook Co-Sanctioned Shows.

This co-sanctioned Pilot Project will allow Canadian and USTPA penners to qualify for the Canadian National Finals, Chinook Regional Finals and the USTPA World Finals all at the same time!!

To qualify for the USTPA National Finals penners must meet the following requirements:

- Attend 3 USTPA sanctioned shows;
- A minimum of 18 sorting entries to qualify for the sorting;
- A minimum of 24 penning entries to qualify for the penning; and
- A minimum of 6 entries per show.

To qualify for Canadian National Finals penners must attend at least 4 Chinook / Canadian Team Cattle Penning Association shows.

To qualify for Chinook Regional Finals penners need to attend 50% of Chinook sanctioned shows in the 2023 calendar year. This number is currently set at 5.

It should also be noted that USTPA Memberships are free for the first year!

Chinook USTPA Qualifier Shows Overview

Chinook will host 3 weekends in which penners can qualify for both the Canadian National Finals, the Chinook Regional Finals as well as the USTPA World Finals.

- Qualifier Weekend #1 - April 29/30 in Claresholm (1 USTPA Show, 2 Chinook/CTCPA Shows)
- Qualifier Weekend #2 - June 17/18 in Claresholm (1 USTPA Show, 2 Chinook/CTCPA Shows)
- Qualifier Weekend #3 - July 1-3 in Okotoks (1 USTPA Show, 2 Chinook/CTCPA Shows)

The USTPA and Chinook Co-sanctioned Shows are designed so that penners who attend (and sufficiently enter) all 3 of the Chinook / USTPA qualifying weekends will qualify for BOTH the Canadian National Finals and USTPA World Finals as well as the Chinook Regional Finals.

These three weekends will collectively count as 3 USTPA Shows, 6 Chinook Shows & 6 CTCPA Shows.



USTPA Qualifier Weekend Details

Qualifier Weekend #1 & #2 – April 29/30 and June 17/18 in Claresholm, AB

- The shows will be run as ordinary Chinook / CTCPA shows in most respects. For example, the results, points earned and payouts will count towards Chinook Regional Finals and qualification for CTCPA finals.
- You will need both a Chinook and CTCPA membership to participate.
- For those who wish to, you may participate in 3 unique co-sanctioned classes held over the course of the weekend. They will be held once over the weekend. Those co-sanctioned classes will be the:
 - Open Handicap;
 - 7 Handicap; and
 - Youth.

- The co-sanctioned classes will be run as ordinary Chinook and CTCPA classes in every respect EXCEPT for those who desire can use their participation in those classes to count towards QUALIFICATION towards USTPA World Finals.
- What is required for those individuals who wish to participate will be a valid USTPA membership (purchased beforehand) and payment of an additional fee of \$4.50 USD per entry (\$3 USD for Youth) in addition to the usual Chinook / CTCPA memberships and fees. Additional office fees will be applied to USTPA entries.
- It should also be noted that offering these co-sanctioned classes will in no way affect Chinook members NOT wanting to participate. Additional fees are for those wanting to qualify ONLY and because the qualifier is essentially run as a “paper show” (other than the sorting), there will be no change to the length of the classes.
- In addition to the 3 co-sanctioned classes on Qualifier Weekend #1 and Qualifier Weekend #2, Chinook will run one straight USTPA class once over the course of the weekend, the 3 Man Open Arena Sort Handicap. This class will be run as follows:
 - A. All penners participating must have a USTPA and Chinook membership – no CTCPA membership is required;
 - B. The entries, rules and ratings will follow USTPA protocol but be paid in Canadian Funds;
 - C. The results, points earned and payouts will count towards USTPA points and USTPA World Finals qualification.



SUMMARY OF QUALIFIERS #1 & #2

Co-Sanctioned Classes (Open Handi, Seven Handi & Youth)	USTPA Open 3-Man Sorting Handi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have CTCPA, Chinook & USTPA Membership • Entries, rules & ratings follow Chinook/CTCPA protocol • For USTPA Qualification purposes ONLY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have Chinook & USTPA Membership • Entries, rules & ratings will follow USTPA protocol (paid in CAD) • Results, points and payouts will count towards USTPA points and USTPA World Finals Qualification

Qualifier Weekend #3 –July 1-3 before Calgary Stampede Qualifiers in Okotoks, AB

- Will consist of a 2-day Chinook/CTCPA show and a 1-day USTPA show held over 3 days.
- There will be no co-sanctioned classes as in Qualifier Weekends #1 and #2, the classes will be either Chinook/CTCPA only or USTPA only.
- All participants in both days must have a Chinook Membership for insurance purposes.
- In addition, participants in CTCPA classes must have a CTCPA membership and participants in USTPA classes must have a USTPA membership.

The Chinook/USTPA Show shall offer the following USTPA classes.

- A. Open Handicap;
- B. 10 Elite;
- C. Youth; and
- D. Open Arena Sort Handicap.

For the USTPA classes:

- The entries, rules and ratings will follow USTPA protocol but payouts will be paid in Canadian Funds;
- The results, points earned and payouts will count towards USTPA standings and USTPA World Finals qualification as well as the 10 Elite Finals qualification.



SUMMARY OF QUALIFIER #3

July 1 & 2 – Regular Chinook/CTCPA Show	July 3 – USTPA Show
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No USTPA classes offered – Chinook/CTCPA classes ONLY• Participants must have a Chinook and CTCPA Membership• See Chinook’s “Policies & Procedures” for class offerings• The entries, rules and ratings will follow Chinook/CTCPA protocol;• The results, points earned and payouts will count towards Chinook standings and Canadian National Finals as well as Chinook Regional Finals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Chinook/CTCPA classes offered – USTPA classes ONLY• Participants must have a Chinook Membership for insurance purposes as well as a USTPA Membership• Classes offered are: Open Handicap, 10 Elite, Youth & Open Arena Sort Handicap• The entries, rules and ratings will follow USTPA protocol but payouts will be paid in Canadian Funds;• The results, points earned and payouts will count towards USTPA standings and USTPA World Finals qualification as well as the 10 Elite Finals qualification.

The Chinook Board of Directors has worked hard to provide the following opportunity to our members as well as to our American friends coming north to compete. We hope the pilot project is a success and adds value for our members. Special thanks to former Chinook President Shaylene Hunter for all her hard work on the project.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

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