



Dear Chinook Members,

Given some of the recent chatter on social media with respect to sanctioning or not sanctioning Canadian qualifiers, I wanted to get ahead of this and provide an explanation for the decision of the Chinook Board to sanction all but one of the Chinook Team Penning Association shows to qualify for the Canadian National Finals. The lone non-Canadian sanctioned show will be the May long weekend show at the Okotoks Agricultural Society.

To start, each and every Chinook show with the exception of the May long weekend show in Okotoks, will be triple sanctioned. That means when you ride at a Chinook show this year, you have the opportunity to qualify for the Chinook Team Penning Association Regional Finals, the Canadian Finals, and the USTPA World Finals.

The sole exception to this is our 'double sanctioned' Chinook show in Okotoks on the May long weekend. At our May long weekend show, we are calling it a 'double sanctioned' because the money which would ordinarily be collected for the Canadian sanctioning fee will instead be collected by the Chinook Team Penning Association and put directly toward the added money at the Chinook Regional Finals. The Chinook board decided that in view of the increased cost of cattle and overall affordability pressures, this show will help to keep payouts great at our Regional Finals.

Further, please keep in mind that there is no reduction to the amount of Canadian qualifying shows. Last year, Chinook had eight qualifying Canadian shows, and this year will have the same number.

I hope this clarifies any misunderstanding, assuages any anxieties, and hopefully keeps the social media noise to a 'dull roar'.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to a board member.

Regards

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