



CTPA PRESIDENT'S PRE-SEASON REPORT

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Dear Members:

It is my pleasure as the President of the Chinook Team Penning Association to welcome you to a much-anticipated 2024 show season. The Chinook Board has worked hard over the course of the off season to ensure that the upcoming season will be competitive, fun, and sustainable for all of our members. Some items of note:

Expanded Show Schedule

Currently we have five (5) confirmed show dates plus Regional Finals. The dates are firm although we are still moving some venues around.

- April 13/14 - Chinook Opener - Claresholm
- April 27/28 - Claresholm
- May 18/19/20 - May Long Weekend Show – Venue TBD
- June 1/2 – Venue TBD
- June 22/23 Pre-Stampede Warm Up - Silver Slate Arena
- September 7/8 - Regional Finals – Claresholm

We are working on a potential 6th show weekend.

CTPA, CTCPA and USTPA Triple Sanctioned Shows

The most exciting development for the 2024 show season is we will be **triple sanctioning** the majority of Chinook Team Penning Association shows.

When you ride at Chinook this year you can qualify for the Canadian Nationals, the USTPA World Finals and the Chinook Regional Finals all at the same time.

Details to follow.

Sustainability

Some of the challenges that the Chinook Team Penning Association is facing this year are the increased cost of cattle coupled with a projected increase in membership. With CTPA growing we will have more riders and more teams which will result in larger shows. Larger shows mean more cattle must be sourced. As everyone knows, cattle costs have gone up and have become more difficult to source. This has increased pressure on our show producers who have asked for us to look at ways to both reduce cattle usage as well as to be fairly compensated for their cattle costs.

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As such you can expect the following changes in the 2024 show year:

- Entries in all classes reduced by one team across the board to ease the requirements on cattle numbers; and
- Entry fees will be increased by \$5.00 per entry, aside from the Youth classes in order to offset the increased cost of cattle.
- Improvements and efficiencies will be seen in the operation of the show office; and
- Increased payouts for our Chinook Regional Finals.

Please stay tuned for further details with respect to changes made in the upcoming 2024 penning season which will be released shortly.

See you in the penning arena.

Regards,

Gregory R. Dunn

President

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