



Chinook Team Penning Association Rule Book

Chinook Team Penning Association (CTPA)

A member of the Canadian Team Cattle Penning Association

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1. MISSION STATEMENT

- 1.1. The Chinook Team Penning Association (CTPA) is a not-for-profit focusing on team penning as a dynamic performance horse competition. Our mission is to preserve, promote and pass on the culture, values and ethos of the cowboy of the old west through the sport of team penning. Within our energetic association western culture lives strong. Horsemanship and sportsmanship are essential. We hold top level competitions, encouraging skill development for all levels, while maintaining a family friendly environment.

2. GOALS

- 2.1. To promote the sport of Team Cattle Penning within our association's regional area.
- 2.2. To maintain our top-level competitions through sustainable growth, strong sponsorship engagement and constant execution of quality events.
- 2.3. To advocate for youth and family engagement further sustaining the continuance of our competition.
- 2.4. To promote western culture and honor the 'cowboy ethos' by emphasizing the values of honesty, respect and fair play during competition.
- 2.5. To encourage and promote good horsemanship.

3. GENERAL RULES

- 3.1. The CTPA is an affiliate member of the Canadian Team Cattle Penning Association (CTCPA.) As part of the CTCPA, our members are classified according to ability as part of the national rating system. The CTPA endeavours when possible, to follow the mission and goals established by the CTCPA in order to maintain a common approach to the sport and maximize participation and competition.
- 3.2. The CTPA runs all CTCPA sanctioned and non-CTCPA sanctioned shows in accordance with the Canadian Team Cattle Penning Association (CTCPA) national rules unless declared otherwise. The CTPA does have some unique rules that apply only to our organization. These rules can be found in the CTPA Rule book. The CTPA may adopt non-CTCPA rules for shows which are non-CTCPA sanctioned so long as the revised rules are posted on the website and/or social media page. It is the responsibility of all CTPA members to have read and understood the CTCPA national rules.
- 3.3. An entrant must be a fully paid member and have signed a Chinook Team Penning Association (CTPA) Waiver before being allowed to compete.
- 3.4. Riders who habitually lose their hats may be penalized. A warning will be given first then a \$10.00 fine will be imposed and must be paid before riding in another CTPA show.
- 3.5. All competition secretaries must have the results of the penning to the Association's secretary within two weeks of completion of the competition.



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3.6. Time Limits

3.6.1. Table 1: Time Limits per class

Class	Seconds
Open Handicap	60
10 Handicap	60
7 Handicap	60
5 Class	75
SR Youth Class	75-90
JR Youth Class	75-90

4. TEAM PENNING CLASSES

4.1. The CTPA will hold the following classes at all shows unless the class offerings have been revised and posted on the website and/or social media page. If there are not sufficient teams for any class to be run the CTPA will communicate this on the website and/or social media page.

4.1.1. Open Handicap, 10 Handicap, 7 Handicap, 5 Class, JR Youth, SR Youth.

4.2. Entries

4.2.1. There will be one **MANDATORY** draw entry in each class including Open Handicap, 10, 7 Handicap & 5 Class. There will be additional **DRAW** options in **ALL** classes.

4.2.1.1. **ENTRIES for Open Handicap:**

4.2.1.1.1. Open Handicap riders may enter a maximum of **SIX (6) times**. Riders must pick one team to be eligible to draw teams; once riders enter their pick team; they are required to take one mandatory draw team. Any other combination of draw or pick entry up to maximum class entry limit is permissible.

4.2.1.1.2. Open Handicap riders must change out one rider per team.

4.2.1.2. **ENTRIES for the 10 Handicap:**

4.2.1.2.1. Ten Handicap riders may enter a maximum of **FIVE (5) times**. Riders must pick one team to be eligible to draw teams; once riders enter their pick team; they are required to take one mandatory draw team. Any other combination of draw or pick entry up to maximum class entry limit is permissible.

4.2.1.2.2. Ten Handicap riders must change out one rider per team.

4.2.1.3. **ENTRIES for the 7 Handicap:**



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4.2.1.3.1. Seven Handicap riders may enter a maximum of **FIVE (5) times**. One mandatory draw entry is required. Any other combination of draw or pick entry up to maximum class entry limit is permissible. There are no requirements to be eligible for the draw.

4.2.1.3.2. Seven Handicap riders much change out one rider per team.

4.2.1.4. ENTRIES for the 5 CLASS:

4.2.1.4.1. Five Class riders may enter a maximum of **FIVE (5) times**. One mandatory draw entry is required. Any other combination of draw or pick entry up to maximum class entry limit is permissible. There are no requirements to be eligible for the draw.

4.2.1.4.2. Five riders much change out one rider per team.

4.2.2. Table 1: Entry Rules

Class	Maximum Entries per rider	Mandatory Draw	Requirement to enter One Pick Team In order to be eligible for Draw Team (s)	Cross Entries Allowed for all teams (Requirement to change one rider)
Open HC	6	Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw
10 HC	5	Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw
7 HC & 5	5	Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw

4.2.3. Table 2: Entry Examples

Class	Ride 1	Ride 2	Ride 3	Ride 4	Ride 5	Ride 6
Open HC	Pick	Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw
10 HC	Pick	Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw	N/A
7 HC & 5	Pick	Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw	Pick or Draw	N/A

4.2.4. Youth Classes

4.2.4.1. Adult riders on a Junior Youth team will not be charged an entry fee and cannot count this ride as a show entry.

4.2.4.2. Youth classes are to be run following the #10 Handicap class. The show operator shall have the option of running either the 1st & 2nd go of the Junior Youth followed by



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the 1st & 2nd go of the Senior Youth or alternately the 1st go of the Junior youth, 1st go of the Senior Youth, 2nd go of the Junior Youth and 2nd go of the Senior Youth.

- 4.2.4.3. **Junior Youth** are drawn on **two (2) teams** with each having two runs.
- 4.2.4.4. **Senior Youth** teams may ride a **maximum of 3 rides**; one (1) entered team is allowed. Senior Youth may enter the "Draw" up to 3 times if they do not have a team with designated teammates
- 4.2.4.5. Points earned will only count in the applicable youth class.
- 4.2.4.6. The CTPA has made it mandatory for all Junior Youth, 12 years of age and under as of January 1st, of the current year, to wear a helmet when penning in any class.
- 4.2.4.7. In accordance with updated 2025 CTCPA rules, Junior Youth riders are allowed to cross enter both the Junior and Senior Youth classes.

5. SHOW REGULATIONS

5.1. Order of Events

5.1.1. The Order of Events are to be as follows except in the event the start time and/or Order of Events has been revised and posted on the website and/or social media page.

1. Open Handicap
2. 10 Handicap
3. SR & JR Youth
4. 7 Handicap
5. 5 Class

5.1.2. The Open class is to start at 8:30 a.m., except in the event the start time and/or Order of Events has been revised and posted on the website and/or social media page. The #7 Handicap class shall not start before 12:00 p.m., except in the event the start time and/or Order of Events has been revised and posted on the website and/or social media page.

5.1.3. All classes will be run to completion except in the event the order of events has been revised and posted on the website and/or social media page.

5.2. Class advancement and Placings

5.2.1. Open Handicap & 10 Handicap will consist of 1st go, 1/3rd back and immediately follow with "Top 10" (To advance to the TOP 10 – you must have qualified times and penned cows in the 1st & 2nd rounds – this will be inclusive for Regional Finals in all classes.

5.2.2. The 7 Handicap Class & 5 Class will consist of a "full go" and a "half back." In the instance where there are more than 80 teams entered in a class, the "half back" can be replaced with a "third back," with not less than 20 qualified teams back in any class.

5.2.3. Junior and Senior Youth Classes to always be two full goes.

5.2.4. The CTPA reserves the right to adjust the number of teams called back in each round based on cattle availability and costs in effort to work with local show producers.

5.2.5. Placing for classes will be paid out to a maximum of 5 places. In class size of 49 teams or less placings will be paid out 1 placing per 10 teams. 50+ teams entered in a class will pay out to a maximum of 5 places.

5.3. Herd Management

5.3.1. Herds will be managed to best utilize the cattle. The CTPA and its producers reserve the right to use all 10 numbers on a herd regardless of order of go. This could mean that the same herd could be used for the end of one round within a class and beginning of the next



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round within that same class. It could also mean that the same herd could be used for the end of one class and the beginning of the next.

- 5.4. Entries will not be accepted with more than one (1) unknown rider, except when an individual has no team and is submitting their name for the draw portion of the class. Teams cannot compete until all entry fees are paid in full and waivers signed. A list of entries must be posted at the penning office and/or near the starting gate.
- 5.5. There will be no substituting of riders except in extenuating circumstances (i.e. injury during a show). The substitute rider must be a qualified entry. A rider of the same (or lesser) rating number with cross entry availability may be substituted for an injured rider for the remainder of the show with board approval. Qualified pre- entered teams riding later in the order of go, or later classes, will also be allowed to substitute this injured rider.
- 5.6. All teams will be entered through penning.ca. Chinook members may cancel their entry up to 48 hours prior to the start of the penning. If notification is not received and the team or single member is a no-show for any reason at the penning, the team or single member could be charged for the fees owing. Unpaid entry fees, owing the Association, must be paid before the member or team will be allowed to compete in a future penning. Entry deadline is the Tuesday before the show at 10:00pm, CTPA reserves the right to adjust the entry deadline in which case it will be revised and posted on the website and/or social media page.
- 5.7. Late entries will be allowed (providing there are an adequate number of cattle) up to 1/2 hour before the class is run. There may be a \$5.00 per rider late entry fee added to the normal entry fee.
- 5.8. There will be a \$25.00 charge on all NSF cheques, payable before the rider may compete in a future penning. Receipt of two NSF cheques from any member will automatically result in a "cash only" basis for all future fees paid to the C.T.P.A. by that member.
- 5.9. Sponsored ride payments will no longer be accepted at the show office.

6. REGIONAL FINALS SHOW

- 6.1. To qualify for the Regional Finals a member must ride in a minimum of 50% of the CTPA's seasonal sanctioned shows throughout the year
 - 6.1.1. A rider must ride in a minimum of three (3) qualified teams (any class) for a show to qualify
 - 6.1.2. In the event there are an uneven number of shows, the qualifying show count will round down
- 6.2. Members do not have to qualify for each class in which he or she is riding in the Regional Finals.
- 6.3. The CTPA may choose not to allow anyone who participates in a CTPA show, without purchasing a current membership, to count the show(s) toward the number required for Regionals. The subsequent purchase of a membership may not validate the show(s) in question and allow them to be included in the Regional's show requirement.
- 6.4. Regional Show Buy-In Options
 - 6.4.1. Adult class riders have the option of buying into the regional finals so long as he or she holds a current CTPA membership at the time of buy in. All buy in payments must be made before the regional final show commences.
 - 6.4.1.1. Adult Class riders buy in fee = \$500 per show required
 - 6.4.1.1.1. Example: 8 seasonal shows, regional requirements for finals = 4 shows

If a rider only had (2) shows they would have to pay \$1000 (\$500 per the two shows they are short)
 - 6.4.1.2. Youth class riders buy in fee = \$50 per show required



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6.4.1.2.1. If youth riders enter the Open Handicap or other numbered classes at the regional finals, their buy in would be the same as the adult class fees listed above.

6.4.2. The CTPA board of directors reserves the rights to allow riders to enter the regionals show according to special circumstances.

7. YEAR END AWARDS

7.1. Prizes will be awarded based on money and or point standings accumulated by teams and individual members from all but two (2) sanctioned shows. The number of qualifying shows will be determined annually by the executive.

7.2. In the event of a tie for year-end awards the number of first place placings will count, then second placing, etc. until the tie is broken.

7.3. Point System for Year End Awards

7.3.1. Year-end individual and team awards in the 10 Handicap, 7 Handicap, 5, Mentorship and Youth classes will be determined based on points generated by Sort Arena software. Points will only be awarded to teams finishing within the top twenty teams of their respective class.

7.3.2. Year-end awards in the Open Handicap class will be determined based on prize money earned for individual riders and based on points generated by Sort Arena software for teams. Points will only be awarded to teams finishing within the top twenty teams of their respective class.

The CTPA board of directors has the right to alter or amend any rule according to special circumstances.