

## Westside Team Penning Club Newsletter

Welcome everyone to an exciting upcoming year of competition, great horses, and great friends! We held our annual membership meeting on February 8, 2026 and made a few changes that we will explain to everyone here.

Thank you for your membership of WTPC and your future participation in our events. We know you have choices so we want to do everything we can again this year to make it a memorable, family fun year for everyone. As you review this newsletter, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any Board Member and we will be glad to explain the changes for the year. Thanks everyone and see you in the pen!

*President Rob Bouffard*

### 2026 Board Members

President Rob Bouffard  
Vice President Vicki Gray  
Secretary Sarah Mealy  
Treasurer Jolene Fleming  
Director Chris Gildner  
Director Katie Justice  
Director Julie Goebel  
Director Melissa Auman  
Director Kevin Wagner  
Director Heather Anderson

Many thanks for everyone's commitment to the board. Everyone knows taking on this responsibility means a lot of effort behind the scenes to make our shows happen. Everyone here is happy to get to it!

### Committees:

Awards: Melissa Auman, Heather Anderson, Chris Gildner, Katie Justice  
Ratings : Vicki Gray, Melissa Auman, Josh Auman, Dee Heggenberger  
Rules & ByLaws: Sarah Mealy, Rob Bouffard, Chris Gildner, Jolene Fleming, Jim Schak  
Sunshine: Kori Serrine  
Sponsorships: Kevin Wagner, Heather Anderson, Jolene Fleming

### Roles:

Cattle Director and Team: Kevin Wagner, Bill Grimmert, Heather Anderson  
Stall Assignments and Camping: Katie Justice  
Show Secretary for team Entries: Stacy Elwess/Julie Goebel  
Website/Newsletter/Social Media: Heather Anderson, Jolene Fleming, Sarah Mealy  
Points: Stacy Elwess, Vicki Gray, and Julie Goebel  
We can still use some volunteers for committees and help at the shows with gates, cattle, scribes, judges, announcers...it takes the village. Join us!

### 2026 Fees:

Single Membership: \$60  
Family Membership: \$85  
Restricted Family Membership: \$40  
One Event Pass per Season: \$35  
Arena Fee: \$30

### Dues and Fees are Non-Refundable

Stall Rentals: \$40 per night or \$75 for two nights  
Camping Dry: \$10 per night  
Camping with Hookups: \$35 per night

## New Rule Changes

WTPC members adopted a Bylaw change that adopts a rating number assigned to each category as follows:

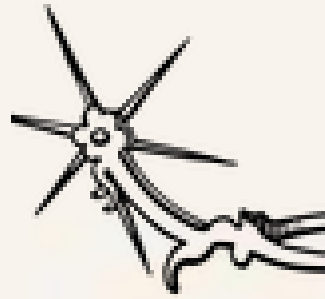
- Open Rider is rated a 5 or 6
- Amateur Rider is rated a 3 or 4
- Novice Rider is rated a 1 or 2
- Green Novice Rider is rated a 1
- Youth Rider is rated a 1 or 2

### 1. Points and Ratings. Added language stating:

Any member or previous member that has not ridden at a WTPC event for two years will fill out a Self-Rating form for re-evaluation. Pending the rating committee's evaluation, they will not ride lower than their previous rating or no lower than their current rating at other club(s) whichever is higher unless pre-approved by the rating committee. All riders/members will be re-evaluated on an annual basis prior to the beginning of each new WTPC point season. All riders must be current members of WTPC in order to participate in point classes.

### 2. Penning Rule Change:

Calling for time: Time will stop "automatically" when the flag drops as soon as the tails (complete animal) of all three (3) cattle cross the plane of the gate. Time will continue until all unpenned cattle are on the cattle side of the starting line. In the event an animal escapes from the pen after time is called for, but prior to the time that any unpenned cattle are on the cattle side of the foul-line, the team will be judged a "NO TIME". Any unpenned cattle are considered dirty. A team may call for time with only one or two assigned cattle penned. A team may call for time "manually" when the assigned cattle are fully in the pen, one team member's horse's nose breaks the plane of the gate, and that team member raises a hand. However, a team penning three head of cattle places higher than two or one, regardless of time.



## Rule Change

### Sorting Both Ways:

Each arena and set of cattle are different and for that reason, a producer should make a decision and advise the judge on which way the cattle should be settled to be the most fair to the contestant and the well-being of the cattle. For settling cattle, the judge has the follow options:

1. Cattle will be settled on one side every time and sorted one way for that go round or class.
2. Cattle may be settled on the side of choosing by the team entering the arena.

## Annual Membership Meeting Discussions:

The Board and members discussed how cattle prices have risen from \$65 a head to \$90 this year. We did advertise for other bids without receiving any. Fee structures and changes in payouts were all discussed. The Board met and put together the new fee structure based on the feedback received at the meeting to leave the payouts the same and add the costs to the fees in order to manage the rise in costs.

The Club needs to purchase some specific panels and a gate so that we can safely number and manage cattle this year. The Board will assess all current panel inventory and may sell the surplus to recover costs once we have determined after the first show what extras to keep and what can go. Stay tuned!

## Green Novice Changes:

Both Green Novice classes (Penning and Sorting) will now allow for a pick/draw consistent with the other classes.

Also, based on club feedback, fees were raised to cover a higher quality saddle and payouts were increased to 60%. Riders must ride four runs.



## Ratings on the Website

There have been a few requests for ratings that were not on the lists on the webpage and a few folks who wanted their names taken off our lists. To maintain a current listing, we advertise the lists on the website showing the current year plus one prior...in this case 2025 and 2026. If your name is not on the list and you would like to know your rating, please just send us a message. We are happy to look up the information for you from prior years. Our recent Rule change will go to two years of ratings moving forward.

## New Online Store

Here's a shout out to Jillian Boyte-White for her artwork and Jolene Fleming for setting up a storefront for us to purchase WTPC merchandise online! Link: <https://westside-team-penning-club.printify.me/>

## Class Changes

We are taking the leap! You will see on the event flyer below our class roster starting in March. The Pro/Am and the Pan classes will move to numbered classes with handicaps! Here is a description of how those classes work:

**#9 Handicapped (HC) class**, the combined rating of the two-person team cannot exceed 9. To level the playing field, the Handicap System gives lower-rated teams extra time based on the following rule:

**The Calculation:** For every point a team's combined rating falls below the class number (#9), they receive 1 additional second of time.

**How it Works:** While the standard clock is 60 seconds, these bonus seconds are added to the team's limit and then subtracted from their final time for the official ranking. **Example:** If a team has a combined rating of 7 (e.g., a #3 and a #4 rider) competing in a **#9 class**, they receive **2 seconds** of handicap time ( $9 - 7 = 2$ ).

In a #12 Penning HC class with a .5 handicap (often referred to as a half-second or 5-point system depending on local ground rules), the handicap balances the field by adjusting the clock based on your team's skill level.

Here is the shortened breakdown:

**The Team Limit:** The combined rating of the three-person team cannot exceed 12.

**The Handicap:** For every point your team's total rating is below the class cap (#12), you receive 0.5 seconds (half a second) of bonus time.

**How it Works:** This bonus time is added to your standard 60-second limit and then subtracted from your final time at the end of the run. **Example:** A team with a combined rating of 10 is 2 points below the limit. They receive 1 full second of handicap ( $2 \text{ points} \times 0.5 \text{ seconds}$ ).



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# Penning Clinic!

March 20, 2026

9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Lunch Provided

**Clinicians for the Day:** Vicki Gray and Rob Bouffard

**Details:** 21 Riders

Gain on fundamentals and cow time!

**Text Rob Bouffard to sign up:** (360)921-2902



## Sponsor Shout Out!

It's begun! WTPC has a goal to raise \$30k this year in sponsorship funding. The Sponsorship Form is available on our Webpage for anyone to print off. It takes everyone's efforts to locate great sponsors and they truly help our club all year long and in what we can accomplish for year end awards. We appreciate all donations including products. Many thanks to the following contributors to have kicked it off for 2026:

Art and Penny Aske

Wayne Cotton

Bill Grimmatt and Heather Anderson

Thank  
You



**Bring Cash!!!**  
We are receiving some  
custom donations and  
will be selling tickets  
and raffling items at  
the show!



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[www.westsideteampenning.net](http://www.westsideteampenning.net)

*Good Times & Good Friends*

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## Event Flyer – March

### March 20, 2026 Penning Clinic!

Sign up via text to Rob (360)921-2902  
no later than 03/05/2026

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. lunch provided

\$200 per person filling 21 spots

Clinicians: Vicki Gray and Rob Bouffard

### Buckles to Sorting and Penning!

All Classes!



See you at the Pen!

### Show: March 21-22, 2026

Pre-registration is required so that WTPC can order the right number of cows to make herds for the events.

Email entries are open until Sunday prior to the event. Contestants can also enter teams at the event until the class is closed. **Email:** [wtpcentries@gmail.com](mailto:wtpcentries@gmail.com). **All Open and Amateur Entries must be received by 7:30 am both days**

#### Saturday: Team Sorting 8 AM Start

Class	Ride Limit	Fee Per Run	Payback	Pick/Draw	Requirements
Open	5	\$50	70%	Pick/Draw	
#9 with Handicap of 1 Second	5	\$45	60%	Pick/Draw	
Amateur	4	\$45	60%	Pick/Draw	
Novice	4	\$40	60%	Pick/Draw	
Green Novice	4	\$37	60%	Pick/Draw	Must ride 4

#### Sunday: Team Penning 8 AM Start

Class	Ride Limit	Fee Per Run	Payback	Pick/Draw	Requirements
Open	5	\$50	70%	Pick/Draw	
#12 Handicap of .5 Second	5	\$45	60%	Pick/Draw	
Amateur	4	\$45	60%	Pick/Draw	
Novice	4	\$40	60%	Pick/Draw	
Green Novice	4	\$37	60%	Pick/Draw	Must ride 4

#### Fees and Sign ups

Arena Fee	\$30
Admin Fees Per Run	\$3

#### Membership Fees:

Family \$85  
Individual \$60  
Restricted Family: \$40  
One Event Pass per Season: \$35

Stalls: Please Reserve Stalls at Pre-Register:  
Covered Stalls \$40 per night or \$75 for two nights  
Price includes shavings and cleaning  
If you are camping, horses must be in stalls

Stall Reservations: Text Katie at (206)854-0759

Camping Reservations: Text Katie at (206)854-0759

Dry Camping: \$10 per night  
Hookups: \$35 per night

8 A.M. Start Each Day

### Event Directors:

Rob Bouffard  
Julie Goebel

