

Alberta Cattlemens Penning and Sorting Association **Finals Rules and Qualifications**

The criteria in the regulations below are for the Alberta Cattleman's Association finals only. For qualification information for the Canadian finals see the Canadian Association Handbook.

During the Season:

During the season, any penner can ride up to three times per class if he/she wishes, in any class he/she wishes providing his or her number permits other than the Draw Class. Alberta Cattlemen's offers Open, 10, 7, Draw Class (new class 2010) 5 and Jr. Youth classes. Sorting classes will be run on both days if time and cattle permit.

Season Leaders:

An individual season leader award will be given in each of the four main classes, Open, 10, 7 and 5. Points will be awarded to the top 5 teams in each class or to the number of teams that place in the money and one crying hole. For example, in the Open where there is usually only two places paid due to the number of teams entered, then the top three teams would receive points. Note: Even though points are given to the top teams, the points are accumulated individually per person. This means if your teammates cannot make a show, you can pick up another team and still acquire points for yourself. Points are as follows:

1. 1st place – 5 points
2. 2nd place – 4 points
3. 3rd place – 3 points
4. 4th place – 2 points
5. 5th place – 1 point

Points will be collected at all shows, however, only your personal best six shows will be used to determine your season leader points. In the event of a tie, the next best show will be used as the tiebreaker.

Ltd. Rider Season Leaders:

A #1 limited rider is any #1 rider who competes in the #7 class. A #2 limited rider is any #2 rider who competes in the #10 class. The points are given exactly as the regular season leaders, as above.

Finals Prizes

How to Qualify:

To qualify for the Alberta Cattlemen's finals, each penner must attend (6) six shows throughout the season, in your designated class for the year end prizes, and (4) four times in any other class that you wish to ride in at the finals for the day money. Given the inconsistency of the sorting class usually a requirement of 60% of the sortings held all season is what you must attend to qualify for the sorting at the finals, but this is solely up to the director's discretion.

Individual Prizes:

All prizes will be given based on the outcome of the finals weekend only, with the exception of the above season leader. In each class, prizes will be given on an individual basis, based on your Canadian number rating. For this reason we have designated a class for each number rating in which you must qualify to ride in at the finals.

1. All #1 panners will compete against the #1 riders in the #5 class.
2. All #2 panners will compete against the #2 riders in the #7 class
3. All #3 panners will compete against the #3 riders in the #10 class
4. All #4, 5 and 6 panners will compete against the #4, 5 and 6 panners in the open class

Finals Point System:

To compete in the finals each penner will enter a maximum of three teams in their designated class (Youth riders will enter (2) two times each in the youth classes). The point system is based on where those teams place after a 2 run aggregate time. NOTE: You cannot ride with the same person on all three teams in your designated class; this will eliminate a tie between you and that person.

For instance, if your teams end up in 1st, 5th and 10th, you will have a total of 16 points. The person with the lowest points when all three teams are added up is the champion penner and so on. Usually the number of prize placings there is per class depends on a percentage of individuals of panners in each number division will receive a prize. All teams will run one run the first day, and the second run on day two. All points will be awarded at the end of the last day of the finals.

Sorting Winner – Most head sorted @ best of three shows plus the finals.

Horse of the Year:

Directors vote on the Horse of the Year. The class of the horse is based on the number of the primary rider of the horse.

Rookie of the Year:

Directors vote on the Rookie #1 Penner of the Year.

Shelby Collins Memorial Trophy:

Each year the individual who has sorted the most number of cattle throughout the season is awarded the Shelby Collins Memorial Trophy.

NOTE: Alberta Cattlemen's reserves the right to change the prizes advertised. Due to unforeseen circumstances