
RHAA FINALIST'S PACKET

Entry Information

May 9-12, 2023
Taylor Telecom Arena
Taylor County Expo Center
Abilene, TX



2023 RHAA National Finals

Presented By **Caviness & Western Horseman**

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1700 TX-36
Abilene, TX 79602

We look forward to seeing you at the National Finals!
If you have any questions or need any assistance,
please do not hesitate to contact us.

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ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY DEADLINE - Entry deadline is April 21, 2023. Entries will not be secured until received by the RHAA office. A 5-day grace period, with a \$50 fee, will apply to ALL late entries received within the grace period. No entries will be accepted if they are not paid in full by the end of the grace period on April 26th. Competitors must complete online entry form, provided on RHAA website, rhaa.org. We will not process your entry without a form of payment! You have several options for payment:

- You may mail a check postmarked by April 26th, with your entry form for the full amount.
- You may pay online when you submit your online entry form.
- You may include your credit card information on the online entry form to be charged at a later date. This will be charged the week before the draw, which is May 3. Please be aware there will be a processing fee on credit card charges.

ENTRY VERIFICATION - An entry verification list will be posted to the RHAA website approximately one week before the draw. Please be sure to check your entries.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - Per RHAA rules you must compete in at least two sanctioned events to be eligible to enter the National Finals. If you do not attend at least two shows (same horse/rider combination) before the National Finals, your entry will not be accepted. Your membership & horse owners' membership must be current through the dates of the National Finals in order to enter. Renewal dues are to be submitted along with your RHAA National Finals entry. Please include a separate check for membership dues. If you qualified on a Day Permit, you are required to purchase a Membership before entering.

DRAWS - The draw date for the RHAA National Finals Prelims will be May 3, 2023. Draws will be posted to rhaa.org or you can view them on the Horse Show Tracker webapp.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REQUIRED HEALTH DOCUMENTS – To comply with state animal health regulations, all horses will require a negative Coggins (Equine Infectious Anemia) dated within 12 months. Out-of-state horses are required to also present a health certificate dated within 30 days.

MOVE IN - Horses may move in Monday, May 8th starting at 12:00 noon.

MOVE OUT – Move out must be completed by 5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 14th.

PARKING – Participants are to enter through Gate 3 on the West side of the Taylor County Expo Center. All RHAA Finalists will receive 1 vehicle pass & 2 day passes that you will be given upon check-in at Gate 3.

TRAILER PARKING – There will be trailer parking available on the North and West side of Taylor Telecom Arena. Please start parking in the North. All trailers must be parked in the designated lot.

RV HOOK UPS – Limited space is available. Spaces are available first come first serve and are handled by the Taylor County Expo Center. Contact the TCEC general office at (325) 677-4376 to claim a spot. Deadline to reserve an RV hook-up is April 21.

HOTELS - The RHAA has a block of hotels reserved for our finalists. If you are in need of a room, contact the following hotel to receive our discounted rate. Must redeem by April 16, 2023.

MGM Elegante' & Suites
Call: 325-698-1234
Discount Code: "RHAA"

STALLS – Stalls and tack stalls will be available for a flat rate of \$120 each. The rate charged for your stall is not based on the number of nights, but is a one-time fee to reserve the stall. Stalls will be located in the First Financial Pavilion. If contestants would like to share a tack stall, please specify on the entry form.

BEDDING – Bedding is not included with the stalls and must be purchased from the TCEC Shavings Office located on the South side of the Guitar Arena. TCEC Shavings will be \$10 per bag. Outside shavings will be allowed if preferred. The stalls will be 10' x 10' with **concrete** floors.

WARM UP ARENAS – There will be warm up areas in the Guitar Arena & the First Financial Pavilion.

SCRATCHES - Participants will be allowed to scratch their entry for a full refund up until the draw date. Any scratches after the draw must be accompanied by a signed vet release in order to receive their entry fee back. No scratches will be accepted after May 8th.

JUDGES - **Bozo Rogers and David Avery**. Judges will be seated on the East side of the arena.

AWARD CEREMONY - The National Finals Award Ceremony will commence immediately following the completion of the Finals on Friday, May 12th in the Taylor Telecom Arena. Come support & congratulate the Top 35 RHAA Finalists & Top 10 Youth Finalists as they accept their awards. Finalists are encouraged to bring their horses for award pictures.

SCHEDULE & CLASS INFORMATION

Tuesday, May 9	Preliminary Round - 8:00 a.m. - Novice BDBD, BDBD, Wrangler, Cowboy
Wednesday, May 10	Preliminary Round continued - 8:00 a.m. - Ranch Hand, Junior, Senior, Junior Youth, Senior Youth
Thursday, May 11	Semifinals - 8:00 a.m. - All classes
Friday, May 12	Finals - 8:00 a.m. - All classes. Awards ceremony to follow

RHAA QUALIFIERS

- A progressive go-round system will apply to the week of the National Finals, taking a weighted percentage of qualifiers from the Preliminary Round to the Semifinals on Thursday.
- Semi Finalists will aggregate their Prelim score & Semifinals score to determine the Top 5 in each class.
- The Top 5 of each class will advance to the Finals on Friday. The Finals round will be a clean slate.
- Payouts will be determined by the total number of competitors entered in the entire class.

YOUTH QUALIFIERS

- A progressive go-round system will apply to the week of the National Finals, taking a weighted percentage of qualifiers from the Preliminary Round to the Semifinals on Thursday.
- Youth Semifinalists will aggregate their Prelim score & Semifinals score to determine the Top 5.
- The Top 5 of each Youth division will advance to the Finals on Friday. The Finals round will be a clean slate.
- Payouts will be determined by the total number of competitors entered in their class.