

USTRC Announcements 2015 - 2016

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The USTRC wants to say thanks to all of you who attended the 2015 Cinch USTRC National Finals of Team Roping. Because of you it was a fantastic event. Thanks for your support and see you next year!!! The dates for the 2016 Cinch USTRC NFTR are October 22-30, 2016.

Beginning December 7, 2015 Producers of sanctioned events will have the option of allowing ropers to enter the #8 Pick/Draw two times. The new option format will be \$150/roper, Pick 1, Draw 1 or Draw 2. Enter a maximum of 2 times for a total of 4 runs.

Beginning January 1, 2016 the #12 and #10 Gold Plus Divisions at the sanctioned events will be 80% payback. Also, the Incentive in the #12 Gold Plus Division will change from a #10 to a #11.

All USTRC members receive Flex Earnings upon participation at a USTRC Sanctioned or Affiliate Event. Gold Spur members receive \$1000 and Gold Plus members receive \$3000, which can be used at any Regional Finals or the Cinch National Finals of Team Roping.

The 2016 USTRC membership makes a great stocking stuffer and is the perfect gift for your favorite team roper. Call 254-968-0002 today.

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Remember your 2015 USTRC Membership expires on December 31, 2015. It is a great idea to renew your membership today and that way you don't forget. Call 254-968-0002 today or go to www.ustrc.com to make sure you are a current member of the USTRC.

The USTRC Formats in 2016

Before you know it Santa will have come and gone and the ball will have dropped welcoming a new year. The USTRC has put together five different formats for the 2016 season. As the year unfolds there will be over 80 sanctioned events across the country for USTRC members to enjoy and compete at. Each event will feature at least one roping that is especially designed for your skill set and roping enjoyment. In many cases there will be multiple ropings that will fit your entry needs. Here is a breakdown of the 2016 USTRC Formats.

The Open Division will be an optional roping for producers. That means they can choose to have it or not. The roping will have

two options, with one being a pick/draw.

The #15 and #13 Divisions are ropings, and are determined on a four steer average. The #15 and #13 Divisions will be taken off after the third steer. In the #15 Division a #14 team will receive a 1.5 second handicap and a #13 and below team will receive a 3 second handicap. In the #13 Division a #12 team will receive a 1.5 second handicap and a #11 and below team will receive a 3 second handicap.

The #12, #11, #10 and #9 Divisions will have Incentives within them and be four steer averages with the Incentive average being determined on three steers. The #10 Division will be capped at an Elite #6 and the #9 Division will be capped at an Elite #5. All Divisions will take the top 20 teams to the short round, with the exception of the #9 Division, where 30 teams will advance to the short round.

Effective January 1, 2016 the Incentive in the #12 Gold Plus Division will change to a #11 and the payback in both the #12 and #10 Gold Plus Divisions will be 80%. There will be a 80% Payback #12 Gold Plus Division with a #11 Incentive and a 80%

Payback #10 Gold Plus Division (capped at an Elite #5) with a #9 Incentive at every sanctioned event. These ropings will be four steer averages, progressive after one and open to Gold Plus members age 25 and older. Each Division will feature two different format options to be chosen by the producer. Option 1 is \$150 per roper, enter two times. Option 2 is \$150 per roper, enter three times. Again, each producer will choose the format that best fits their schedule.

The #8 Pick/Draw (capped at a #4) has two options for the producer to choose from. Option 1 is \$150 per roper, pick one, draw one, or draw both partners. Beginning January 1, 2016 ropers may enter this option two times for a total of four runs, or enter once for a total of two runs. Option 2 is \$180 per roper, pick one, draw two, or draw all three partners. Ropers may enter this option once for a total of three runs. The #8 Pick/Draw is a 3 steer average, progressive after one, handicap roping with seconds off deducted after the second round. A #7 team receives 2 seconds off while a #6 and below team receives 3 seconds off.

USTRC will offer a two-day format option, which begins with a #13 Slide Handicap Division (capped at a #15 team). A #15 team receives a plus 3 second handicap, a #14 team receives a plus 1.5 second handicap, a #13 team receives straight time, a #12 team receives a minus 1.5 second handicap, and a #11 and below team receives a minus 3 second handicap. All of the addition and subtraction of seconds would occur after the third round. Following the #13 Slide will be a #12 Division with a #11 Incentive, a 80% Payback #12 Gold Plus Division with a century bonus and a #11 Incentive, a #11 Division with a #10 Incentive, and a #10 Division (capped at an Elite #6) with a #9 Incentive. The second day would feature a 80% Payback #10 Gold Plus Division (capped at an Elite #5) with a century bonus and a #9 Incentive, a #9 Division (capped at an Elite #5) with a #8 Incentive, and a #8 Pick/Draw Division (capped at a #4).

The complete 2016 Format details are listed below. We certainly appreciate the input from you the roper and our producers to continue to further the sport of team roping. Enjoy a great 2016 season and best of luck to all.

