



# 2023 Ranch Horse Triple Crown Challenge



**The Ranch Horse Triple Crown Challenge** is the Crown Jewel of the International Ranch Horse Association events and is unlike any other in the performance horse world.

- 3 Divisions: Open, Non-Pro, Youth
- 3 Events in Each Division: Ranch Riding / Ranch Trail / Ranch Rail
- This event is open to ALL-BREEDS. Any horse three years of age or older is eligible.
- NO QUALIFYING required.
- Non-Pro Eligibility:
  - Exhibitor must be a youth (18 years of age or younger as of January 1) or an amateur/non-pro with a current and valid amateur/non-pro card held with any recognized equine association including, but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, ABRA, PHBA, PtHA, NRHA, NRCHA, NCHA and SHTX.
  - All horses entered in the Non-Pro division must be owned/leased by the non-pro exhibitor or an immediate family member only in accordance with APHA and AQHA immediate family rules by 5 p.m. the day prior to the class in which the horse is to be exhibited in their respective classes.
- Youth Eligibility:
  - Exhibitor must be a youth (18 years of age or younger as of January 1).
  - All horses entered in the Youth division must be owned/leased by the youth exhibitor or an immediate family member only in accordance with APHA and AQHA immediate family rules by 5 p.m. the day prior to the class in which the horse is to be exhibited in their respective classes.
  - Youth are also eligible to enter the Non-Pro division. Additional entry fees apply.
- Each competitor is limited to four (4) horses shown per class, except Rail where only one (1) horse may be shown.
- Entry Deadline & Fees for Open/Non-Pro:
  - Postmarked by May 15 = \$625/class
  - Postmarked May 16 until 5 p.m. the day before the class = \$825/class
- Entry Deadline for Youth:
  - Must be postmarked by 5 p.m. the day before the class = FREE!
    - *No entry fees for youth classes!*
    - *Youth entry fees sponsored by Dennis & Debbie Martin*
- Payouts - *Sponsored by Four Star Quarter Horses*
  - \$40,000 Added Guaranteed - split equally between all 6 classes.
  - Payouts consist of entry fees per class (excluding \$125.00 office charge and all penalty payments) plus sponsored added money. Total payout per class is based on the number of paid entries.
  - Payouts awarded to the Top 10 in each individual class and are identical in each division. The Non-Pro competitors will earn the same money as the Open competitors.



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○ Payout Schedule Per Class:

1 <sup>st</sup> -	23%	6 <sup>th</sup> -	6%
2 <sup>nd</sup> -	20%	7 <sup>th</sup> -	5%
3 <sup>rd</sup> -	14.5%	8 <sup>th</sup> -	4%
4 <sup>th</sup> -	12%	9 <sup>th</sup> -	3.5%
5 <sup>th</sup> -	9%	10 <sup>th</sup> -	3%

- Bonus payouts for Triple Crown Challenge Champions (Open, Non-Pro & Youth) who win all 3 classes in their respective division!
  - \$5,000 Bonus Payout for Triple Crown Challenge Open Champion
  - \$5,000 Bonus Payout for Triple Crown Challenge Non-Pro Champion
  - \$2,500 Bonus Scholarship for Triple Crown Challenge Youth Champion
  - Plus, championship saddles, buckles and silver cup trophies to these champions!
    - A horse/rider combination must be entered in ALL 3 classes in their division to be eligible to win the Ranch Horse Triple Crown Challenge Championship. However, any horse/rider combination can enter any class individually, but they will not be eligible for the overall Triple Crown Challenge Championship, only the individual class awards in the respective classes entered.
- \$10,000 in Youth Scholarships Awarded – split equally between all 3 Youth classes
  - *Sponsored by Dennis & Debbie Martin*
- All classes are judged in accordance with APHA rules.
- Individual Class Awards:
  - Continental Saddlery Trophy Saddle certificates will be awarded to every class Champion.
  - Buckles awarded to Champion and Reserve Champions in each class.
  - Bronze trophies awarded to every class Champion.
  - Pendleton Mills monogrammed blankets awarded to every class Champion.
  - Trophy chairs awarded to all class Reserve Champions.
  - Trophy headstalls awarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.

**PRIZE MONEY PAYOUT – BASED ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES/CLASS**

***If there are 50 entries per class, the total payout will be: \$190,000!***

Open Ranch Riding	50 Entries	\$31,666.67
Open Ranch Trail	50 Entries	\$31,666.66
Open Ranch Rail	50 Entries	\$31,666.67
Non-Pro Ranch Riding	50 Entries	\$31,666.66
Non-Pro Ranch Trail	50 Entries	\$31,666.67
Non-Pro Ranch Rail	50 Entries	\$31,666.67