



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*
- NSBA Dual-Approved – All RHTCC classes are NSBA dual-approved. NSBA entry fee is \$65/class.
- Payouts - *Sponsored by Four Star Quarter Horses*
 - \$40,000 Added Guaranteed (Open & Non-Pro) - 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 st -	23%	6 th -	6%
2 nd -	20%	7 th -	5%
3 rd -	14.5%	8 th -	4%
4 th -	12%	9 th -	3.5%
5 th -	9%	10 th -	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*
 - Scholarships are distributed based on the class payout schedule. Scholarship funds will be held in trust until the youth enrolls in an eligible accredited institution.
- 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 3rd 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