

The 2017 Race is on ...

Many of you expressed your disappointment over not having the Tour Race that we've had in the past and we were listening. We're excited to bring to you the Wrangler Tour Challenge. 7 Major Corporate Sponsors have teamed up with the Wrangler Team Roping Championships to bring the WTRC members a phenomenal program. The Tour Challenges will kick off in Laurel, MT, Rapid City, SD, and Kalispell, MT over the New Year's weekend.



There will still be great prizes to win at the qualifiers throughout the year, but we've once again added the Year End Awards - Only BIGGER & BETTER! The ropings are the same as always – lots of cash and prizes to be won. The Challenges that are built into the ropings are a bonus - a free addition – a bonus at the end of the year. There will be SADDLES for the Challenge Champions along with a Trophy Jacket and the designated sponsor's product. For example, the Smarty Challenge Saddle with their logo will be awarded to the top roper of that Challenge – a ONE OF A KIND SADDLE. No other Challenge Saddle will look like that one PLUS a SMARTY Roping Machine for the Challenge Champion. In the past, we awarded 3 places with prizes and now with the Challenge Program – 10 PLACES AWARDED! Jackets for 1st, 2nd & 3rd and other products down to 10th. Like we said BIGGER & BETTER!!!

Below are answers to some of the questions you may have:

- Ropers will accumulate points throughout the year for Year-End Awards.
- If you win a check in the AVERAGE, you will receive points.
- Standings can be checked each week on the WTRC website www.wranglertrc.com or in the Cowboys Digest Newspaper.
- Most of the time there will be 2 Sponsors on a roping so you can accumulate points in each.
- No geographical boundaries
- You are not affected if your classification number changes.
- You are competing in points ONLY against everyone that ropes in Challenge Ropings but you are only competing in your level of competition. Example: The #3 is a Fast Back Challenge at an event and you as a #1 roper placed 2nd and 6th. The next time at an event the #5 is a Fast Back Challenge and a #3 roper won 1st. The #1 roper placing 2nd and 6th will have more points than the #3 roper that placed 1st. So when you look at the standings and you see a #1, #2, #3, in the same category don't be alarmed – you are completing in points ONLY and not against each other in competition.
- As always, to receive points in the Fast Back or Cactus Ropes Challenge, you must be using their rope in that event.
- Challenge Sponsors are designated in the #3, #4, #5 ropings spread-out at different events.
- The #6, #7, #8 ropings will have their own Challenge. This was the only way to keep the program fair.
- The #1's Only is and has been a specialty roping. It would be unfair to include it in the Challenges for obvious reasons. The 1's would dominate the Challenges. As always, we will continue to have the #1's Only ropings with great prizes to win.

This program will allow WTRC Ropers to win major contracts and prizes with high profile companies that compares to professional roper's sponsorships. Wait until the list of awards come out – you will be amazed. Both the Challenge Sponsors and the WTRC are excited to bring this innovative program to WTRC Members!



The Tour Challenges