

Sort for the Saddles 2011-2012



Official Contest Rules

The purpose of the RSNC sort for the saddles contest is to serve as an incentive for participation in sanctioned events. In the 11'-12' season, point totals will be kept from July 9th, 2011 to June 17th, 2012 using the RSNC software and July 9th, 2011 to June 2nd, 2012 if not using the software. The top 20 point earners from each state, as well as all frozen contestants, in six separate categories will enter the National Finals with 40 points to 2 point respectively. Masters division will enter with 20 points down to 1 point respectively. There is a minimum of 5 shows requirement to be eligible for prizes.

1. Contestants must be a current member to earn points for the saddle race.
2. The Masters' Division will be a class of its own and the points will be kept separately, and they will enter the finals 20 to 1 points respectively
3. A contestant will represent his/her home state. Points earned at shows outside a contestant's home state will be added to his/her total in the state in which he/she resides.
4. In addition to the Reinsman saddle, the top 20 point earners from each state will be eligible for other year-end prizes. However, a contestant must have attended 5 shows and may only claim one year-end award in the Sort for the Saddle contest.
5. In the event that a contestant's rating is changed, his/her points will be carried with him/her to the next division unless moving those points improves the contestant's standing in the points race. In this case, only the points that will put the contestant in the same standing as in the prior division will be carried over. Example: A NOVICE has 50 points and is in 4th place in the standings when she becomes an AMATEUR. The current 4th place AMATEUR has 30 points. In this case, the rider that is graduating from NOVICE to AMATEUR can only transfer 30 of her 50 points to the new division. The two riders will now be in a tie for the 4th place AMATEUR position.
6. Contestants graduating from Beginner to Rookie will be automatically qualified for the National finals with a minimum of 20 points in the Graduated Beginner division. A Beginner that graduates to a Rookie and then to a Novice will be eligible to ride in the Graduated Rookie and the Novice divisions at the 2012 Finals. Contestants graduating from Rookie to Novice will be automatically qualified for the National Finals in the Graduated Rookie division with a minimum of 20 points. All other contestants that are moved from one division to another will be automatically qualified for the Finals, with a minimum of 20 points, *in the division they graduated into*. Graduated contestants are eligible to compete for paybacks in every division for which they are qualified, but may only claim one year-end award in the Sort for the Saddle contest.
7. In the event that there is a tie on points for the Saddle and other top 10 prizes there will be a Tie Breaker. Total # of cattle sorted in all events that points were applied to is 1st tie breaker. If this does not solve the tie breaker then we will go to the shortest amount of time it took to sort that amount of cattle.

The RSNC National Finals is an open event; this means anyone may compete at this contest and win pay-backs as well as other prizes. Contestants that competed at 5 or more RSNC events during the '11-'12 season are eligible for maximum % on any payback. Only the top 20 point earners from each state that have attended 5 shows are eligible for the saddle or other year-end awards.