

Presenting for its Inaugural Year the

★ INTERNATIONAL ★ YOUTH CHALLENGE



with Teams in 2025 from New Zealand, United States and Australia!

THREE (3) CHALLENGE EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT:

- ❶ Mount Isa Rodeo (at a time during the Rodeo to be advised by Mount Isa Mines Rodeo Community Board as part of the 2025 Mount Isa Mines Rodeo)
– 7-10 August 2025
- ❷ Richmond International Youth Challenge
– 12 August 2025
- ❸ North Queensland Elite Rodeo
– 15 & 16 August 2025

Teams can be made up of the following events (between 2 or 3 competitors to be matched evenly by each Country. Where one country doesn't have a competitor in that age group they can elect for the hosting country to provide one):

- ➡ Barrel Racing
- ➡ Steer Ride
- ➡ Bull Ride
- ➡ Breakaway
- ➡ Team Roping
- ➡ Bareback
- ➡ Saddle Bronc

Please note that at this stage Rope & Tie and Steer Wrestling are not a part of the 2025 International Youth Challenge. However, if there are any Youth out there who would like these two events considered for the Challenge in future years, please get in contact.

This year the Team presented from USA and NZ will try to be matched by Australia.

Australia and New Zealand will have a Trans Tasman Challenge inside the International Challenge to continue the historical tradition - and to be able to match on the return trip. This will purely be using the points from the International Challenge. As part of the traditional Trans Tasman Challenge The Australian Team will then travel to New Zealand annually and we will try to hold it on alternate Islands leaving either 26 or 27 December for the Christmas run of rodeos. A part of being selected on the Australian Team is the commitment to be able to travel to New Zealand to be on this representative side.

Each country will hold a Three (3) Event Challenge, which can be held as part of a rodeo program or as a stand alone event:

- ➡ The week in between the Rodeos is generally used to build relationships between the teams , do some sightseeing, and to provide clinic opportunities.
- ➡ The visiting teams will travel all together on the same itinerary prepared by the Youth Rodeo Organisation.

Criteria for the Selection of the Team and the purpose of the Challenge is to promote and grow the sport of Rodeo with a particular focus on the younger and newer members of our sport.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- ➡ Must be a current paid up member of the APRA or visitors to be willing to join as a Day Member to compete at Australian Rodeos
- ➡ When the Australian Team is competing at New Zealand Rodeos, they must be a Member or Day Member of the NZRCA for the current season
- ➡ When the Australian Team is competing on USA tours, they must join as a Member of the Association of the required event. Please note that it is not mandatory for Australian Team members to attend USA tours, but there are a number of USA tours that can be considered if interested
- ➡ Must be currently competing in the event that they have applied for
- ➡ Must be prepared for themselves and any companion travelling with them to be rostered for a shift at the Youth Rodeo Organisation Fundraising Van at the Mount Isa Mines Rodeo. Part of the profits made from this fundraising venture will assist with running the Challenge and clinics at Richmond, with an aim to contribute to the Australian's trip to New Zealand (based on a \$30 per hour rate for each hour spent in the fundraising van). Any additional funds will assist with the general running costs of the organisation
- ➡ Team New Zealand and Team USA will also be requested to assist with the fundraising van to help provide the opportunity at Richmond.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ➡ Challenge Timed Event Competitors applying must find an additional two horses (one for their USA and NZ Team competitors to ride). All

Competitors at the three challenges will rotate as a rider on the three horses, so each of the competitors competing for their Country will have the opportunity to ride the horses our Australian competitor has found as part of their selection. Horses will need to be available to ride on the Wednesday prior to the Mount Isa Mines Rodeo, then Tuesday of Richmond, and Thursday of Townsville for a practice session – so preference is for some easy to handle, safe and consistent horses. However, timed event competitors please note that this is not your rodeo run, the Challenge is a completely separate event and only for points – so won't impact your rodeo run.

- ➡ The USA and NZ team will also be competing in the rodeo, and while that is outside of the Challenge, we would prefer if you could also ask your additional horse suppliers if they may consider letting them to USA and/or NZ competitors to use in the rodeo as well. These competitors may also prefer to find their own horses (for their rodeo events only – not for the Challenge) but please ask this of your horse supplier if you are not personally providing the horses so we can register this as an option for them.
- ➡ MUST be willing to attend both the Australian and NZ tour (please ensure you have looked at the cost of the NZ trip). While still preferred, the New Zealand tour unlike our USA tours won't require a mandatory guardian, but as we also have the family tour running at the same time, families are more than welcome to attend. If not able to have a family member attend with you, please indicate this at the time of application.

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➡ All applications and medical forms must be correctly filled out and returned to the Youth Rodeo Organisation director by the stipulated time to confirm their selection

➡ Poor behaviour is not to be tolerated and whoever displays the following behaviour will not to be selected in the team:

- ★ Bullying
- ★ Verbal or physical abuse
- ★ Intimidation

Any reports of such behaviour will result in expulsion from the Team and possible reports to your relevant association.

➡ No drinking or smoking will be tolerated by team members while at representative events

➡ Team members are to always wear western attire or team allocated clothing at all times around the vicinity of the arena including behind the chutes and the time event boxes and while representing in the fundraising van. When all obligations are finished, and they wish to watch the rodeo in the crowd, they can do so in non-rodeo attire.

➡ The selectors will be looking to put forward the best team possible, but at Australian events may also consider a local competitor or two to be used on the team to encourage local competitors to look further afield in the sport.

➡ For this year we will be looking to match those of the Team USA and NZ so will be looking for representatives around the same age.

Currently it looks like we will be looking for under 19 (in 2024) in Australia to match the USA and NZ. We would expect roughly the same going to NZ, but the

younger Mini Bull riders we would need to ensure that NZ has a competitor to match for the NZ Challenge competition.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM MEMBERS:

➡ 3 x Team Roping Headers

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➡ 1 x Rope and Tie competitor

➡ 3 x Breakaway Ropers

➡ 3 x Barrel racers

➡ 1 x Bareback Rider

➡ 1 x Saddle Bronc Rider

➡ 3 x Bull/Steer Riders -

➡ 1 x Mini Bull/Steer Rider born 2012 (12yrs) - also will need an additional Australian to ride for NZ

➡ 1 x Mini Bull/Steer Rider born in 2015 (9yrs) - also will need an additional Australian to ride for NZ

➡ 1 x Mini Bull/Steer Rider born in 2016 (8yrs) - also will need an additional Australian to ride for NZ

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