



NATIONAL FINALS COMPETITOR INFORMATION

BRIDGEMAN PARK, CAPELLA QLD
WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I compete if I didn't attend an ATRA event between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026?

You are **not eligible** to compete in National Finals events.

However, you may compete in:

- Preliminary Events
- Century Team Roping
- Kings & Queens
- All Girls Team Roping
- 7 & Under Barrel Race
- Steer Wrestling
- Rope & Tie

Is the National Finals a sudden death format?

Yes. All finalists start the competition on **zero points**.

Do heelers have to dally?

Yes. All heelers must dally.

- Ladies and competitors aged 50 years or older may tie on using an **ATRA approved quick release device**.
- Parents & guardians are responsible for ensuring junior competitors can dally.

Can I enter with a "TBA" or "Nobody" partner?

No. All entries must include your confirmed partner to be accepted.

What happens if I withdraw?

More than 14 days before Finals - 100% refund less a **\$50 administration fee**

Within 14 days - Entry fees are non-refundable unless accompanied by a veterinary or medical certificate.

What string is used in Breakaway?

Three pieces of **heavy-duty jute string** must be used.

If I qualify through the Preliminary with my current Finals partner, can I substitute another partner?

No. You may only advance with a different partner who:

- is already qualified for the Finals
- you have entered a different way around to your finals entry eg. Heading/heeling