



# 2026

## Vegas Tuffest Jr. World Championship

### TEAM ROPING



Vegas Tuffest has 19 & Under Team Roping with a 15+ cap and 15 & Under Team Roping with a 12+ cap as part of their roster of events. A Vegas Tuffest qualifier may offer these but are NOT required to in order to host a 2026 qualifier. These Team Roping events' finale (2 go rounds, short go, and Hot Round) will all take place on December 7 & 8 with the Vegas Tuffest Jr. World Championship scheduled for December 2-8, 2026.

#### Details for Team Roping include..

- Both Header & Heeler must possess a current membership, which may be purchased online for \$125 or at a Vegas Tuffest qualifier or Standalone Team Roping qualifier for \$150.
- Must send a copy of your classification # card from either the Global Handicap, USTRC, ACTRA or Wrangler (Tryan). Once your 2026 card number is on file with Vegas Tuffest, that number will not change throughout the 2026 season. If we don't have card on file, must present card at the qualifying event.
- Vegas Tuffest qualifying rules apply. Some are highlighted below.
  - Age is as of January 1. Team Roping contestants are not required to be at Back Number Ceremony.
  - Qualifying events will send the following numbers of qualifiers to the Vegas Tuffest Jr. World Championship.  
(If event offers more than one go, qualifiers will be decided on the average placing.)
    - 5 entries (example: 5 headers pay \$100 sidepot and 5 heelers pay \$100 sidepot)--1 qualifier (if less than 5, entry fees will be returned & no one will qualify)
    - 6 to 15 entries--2 qualifiers
    - 16 to 25 entries--3 qualifiers
    - 26 entries and over--4 qualifiers
- Boys and Girls are eligible to enter qualifiers.
- Girls on the heeling side may tie on.
- May enter twice as a header and twice as a heeler.
- May qualify only once as a header and once as a heeler in the 15 & Under Team Roping.
- May qualify only once as a header and once as a heeler in the 19 & Under Team Roping.
- 19 & Under Team Roping is capped at a 15+.
- 15 & Under Team Roping is capped at a 12+.
- Both header and heeler on a team must enter the Vegas Tuffest sidepot to be eligible to qualify for Vegas Tuffest.
- Team Roping is a team event knowing you are entering together is the contestant's responsibility. In the event your qualifying partner decides not to enter the Vegas Tuffest Jr. World Championship in Vegas the following applies:
  - Vegas Tuffest will drop down to the next qualified position at that event in which you qualified and give you the option to partner up with that contestant. Note: No drop down will occur if the # together exceeds the cap or if the alternate position is the same person.
    - If the next qualified position declines to be picked up, you will have a chance to pick from a pool of team roping contestants that have competed at another 2026 qualifying event or a 2026 VT qualifier that has qualified in another event. Team must be completed/formed by the original entry packet's due date or 10 days from the withdrawal whichever is longer.
    - If you choose not to rope with the alternate, you will forfeit your qualification and we will drop down and pick up the alternate team. If your qualification is forfeited, your name will be included in the team roping pool and/or you are eligible to requalify if desired.
    - Once the team has been formed, all turnout rules apply. NOTE: In these circumstances, ONE member of the team must have qualified at a Vegas Tuffest qualifier to be eligible to compete in Las Vegas.
    - If your partner does not compete in Vegas and your partner is not replaced through VT guidelines, you will be considered a turnout and forfeit your fees.