



LWL & New Brunswick / Prince Edward Island
Barrel Horse Association Rules

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Section 1 - Competition rules:

Our most important rule - Have Fun!

1. A horse/pony may not be shown by more than one person in a class, except for Small fry.
2. All competitors must be members in good standing of the NBPBA to qualify for NBPBA year end awards.
3. The judge may prohibit the use of bits, bats or equipment that he/she may consider severe. The judge may disqualify a contestant for excessive abuse.
4. All horses entered in a class must be assembled in ample time for runs to start on time and continue without delay. They must remain in readiness in case of a tie. A contestant will have 30 seconds to make his way to the ring after his/her number is called. Failure to do so may result in elimination. The decision of the JUDGE is final.
5. Riders are to be given a signal to enter the ring. Upon entering the ring, there will be no further signal
6. A horse/pony will be rerun if equipment breakage occurs before the Start/finish line the contestant shall be placed at the bottom of the running order and allowed five minutes from the time of breakage to rest and repair the equipment. It is the Judge's decision on when the breakage occurred.
7. If a pole or barrel is hit by a horse, pony or rider in such a manner that it hits the ground or hits the ground and rights itself, that run will be assessed a five second penalty for a knock down. Picking up a pole and moving it, or deliberately moving a barrel, will also result in a five second penalty.
9. In the event of a tie for first place only, a runoff must be held. Ties for other placings will be left as is. However, for example, if a tie occurs for second there will be no third place award. The prize money for the tied placing will be added with the next placing and split.
10. In the event of a tie for an overall award, barrels will be run off to determine the winner.

11. With the exception of small fry a handler may not position a horse or pony as to gain an advantage, nor shall the handler physically encourage the horse or pony.

13. A running order will be drawn. Horse/pony will run in the order of draw except when one rider has more than one entry. When number of entries allow, a rider with more than one entry will be allowed a space of at least five entries between each of his/her mounts,

14. Judges are required to ensure that the course is properly set. It is recommended that the starting line be set in the same place in the same arena each time unless unsafe conditions warrant a change.

15. An electronic timer must be used at all times. This is the responsibility of the show committee. Horses are to be timed on the nose.

16. Starting line markers and electric timers are to be set a good distance apart in the arena; at least as far apart as the first and second barrels are set.

17. Should the timer fail then that horse/pony shall be given a rerun after all the others in that class have run. If the timer fails in any re-ride that person may have their class fee back or another re-ride, it is the rider's option.

18. A minimum distance (or as close as possible to) of 50 feet must be made available between the finish line and the end of the arena to give a reasonable stopping distance. Any situation where the distance can be increased should be taken advantage of.

19. In barrel racing, the 1st and 2nd barrels must have at least a 15 foot space from the fence and the 3rd barrel at least a 20 foot space from the fence.

- in pole bending, begin setting the pattern at the far end of the arena (opposite the start/finish line). The first pole must be a minimum of 21 feet off the fence. The remaining poles must be 21 feet apart (center of pole to center of pole) with a 21 foot space from the top pole to the finish line. In smaller arenas, the distance from the end pole to the fence may be shortened. However, the distances between poles, and between the first pole and the start/finish line, must remain at 21 feet.

- in down and back, the barrel must be 110 feet from the start/finish line unless unsafe conditions warrant a change. The judge will determine this.

20. 45 gallon drums must be used for barrels and proper poles used for pole bending.

21. Each show committee can determine when to rake. Once the first rake is done, subsequent raking must be done after the same number of runs for the rest of the class.

23 - Small fry riders that complete the pattern without a handler, even if off course, will be placed ahead of riders who have been led around the course

Section 2 - Divisions

The NBPHA divisions are *Small Fry*, *Youth*, *3D barrels* and *3D poles*. The following rules determine the division you can show in:

1. Small Fry are 10 years of age and under as of January 1st of the current show year. Small Fry must ride a pony (14.2hh and under) and cannot enter any other division. Once a small fry enters another division in a show where small fry classes are offered, they are no longer classified as small fry.

2. Ponies are 14.2hh and under.

3. Youth are 18 years of age and under as of January 1st of the current show year. No person 18 years of age and under may ride/or handle a stallion at NBPHA Sanctioned events.

4. 3D Barrels - the first three (or 4 or 5 if placing that many) fastest horses will be placed to form the 1D (1st division) and then ½ second will be added to last placed horse's time in that division, and the next horses will be placed to form the 2D (2nd Division). ½ second will be added to the last placed horse's time in the 2D to determine the start of the 3D, and horses will be placed in the 3D. This is to ensure that 3 horses are placed in each division.

Example:

1st division
15.2
16.0
16.3

2nd Division starts at 16.8 and places three
16.9
17.1
17.3

3rd division starts at 17.8

3D Poles - the first three (or 4 or 5 if placing that many) fastest horses will be placed to form the 1D. 1 second will be added to the last placed horse's time in the division, and the next horses will be placed to form the 2D (2nd division). One second will be added to the last placed horse's time in the 2d to determine the start of the 3D or third division.

5. Each person is to be allowed to ride 2 horses per event (2 in Barrel Racing, 2 in Pole bending, etc). In the event of injury to horse or rider an application can be made to the board of directors to replace either horse or rider for the remainder of the year. The points won to date by the horse/rider combination will be transferred to the new combination one time only. This can only be done once per year and Horse A can not be replaced with horse B. Points cannot be transferred to a horse that already has points in that division.

Section 3: Show Sanctioning / Payouts / Points

1. Those clubs, groups, or individuals wishing to host an NBPHA pointed jackpot must send a letter or email requesting the date of the event, the anticipated base prize money, and other awards. The president of the NBPHA will respond to each request.

2. For the small fry divisions, jackpots must provide at least ribbons or prizes for each class.

3. A prize list must be posted prior to the beginning of the show, at all NBPHA jackpots, stating the amount of prize money per class, the entry fee per class, as well as the percentage of entry fees added back, which must be a minimum 85%.

4. Payout monies will be accompanied by a written breakdown per class.

5. The number of placings to be awarded is as follows:

Small Fry - 5 placing and if available, prizes for all entries.

Youth - 5 placings + prizes if available

3D barrels and 3D poles - The purse is to be split equally among all divisions. Between 0-\$1000 3 placing would be paid, \$1001-\$3000 4 placing would be paid, \$ 3001-\$5000 5 placing would be paid in each division. Money is to be split equally among the 3 divisions of a 3D race.

The total purse must be paid out, even if percentages have to be altered due to lack of entries.

6. For year-end awards the point tally will be based on the following:

All open barrel and pole classes will be place on a 3D format. First place in each division will receive 10 points, 2nd place 8 points, 3rd place 6 points. 4th place 4 points, and 5th place 2 points.

7. In youth and small fry classes, points will be awarded to all who enter. For example, if there are 9 entries, first place would receive 9 points, 2nd place 8 points, and so on down the line. Those eliminated will not receive points.

8. In the event of a tie for an overall award at a jackpot, barrels will be run off to determine the winner.

9. Entry fees at jackpots will be \$5.00 per youth class and \$25.00 for open 3D classes. No class fees for smallfry classes.

10. Shows may charge additional fees for grounds use, stabling and other fees as necessary. Such fees may also apply to Smallfry entries.

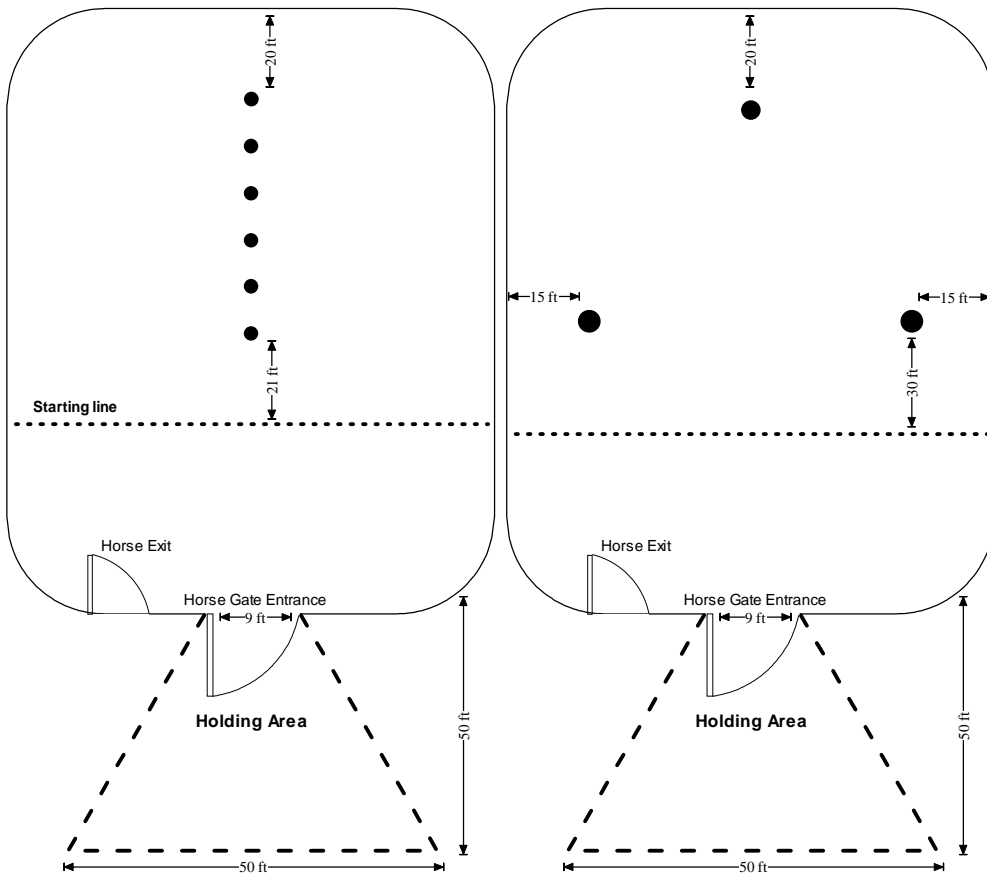
Section 4 - Dress Code & Equipment:

1. Western type equipment must be used.
2. Competitors must make a point of being dressed neatly and cleanly. Apparel must include a western hat or helmet, a long sleeved western shirt, jeans, and western type boot. Short sleeved shirts of a western design may be used at jackpots should the weather warrant. This rule also applies to the warm up ring, 30 minutes prior to the event.
3. At jackpots only, the management may offer an informal dress code for exhibition runs with no hats required and casual shirts, for the fee of \$5.00 per run. Money is to go to the NBPHA.
3. Any contestant crossing the starting line without a western hat or helmet on his/her head will be disqualified. If a contestant loses their hat/helmet they will receive a 5 second penalty. Hat chin straps and tie downs are permitted.
4. Riders 18 years of age and under (age as of January first of the current year) must wear a C.S.A. approved helmet, properly fastened, in competition and on show premises at all times when mounted.

Section 5 - Miscellaneous:

1. When sponsors flags are available they will be paraded around the arena prior to the start of the race. The members involved in that show will decide among themselves who should carry the flags. Consideration is to be given to the running order of that day's racing. However, should a member flatly refuse to carry a flag without a valid reason then they will lose all points earned at that specific show with regards to the NBPHA year end awards.
2. It is the responsibility of the competitor to know the rules. Should any disputes arise regarding the interpretation or enforcement of the rules, a competitor may appeal to the show representative. A decision will be made by the majority of the Board of Directors present at that event, and will be final.
3. Competitors must carry liability insurance and indicate so on their entry forms.

Once the entry is given the signal to start, they are free to proceed when ready. However, competitors must have their horse's feet in the dirt holding area before commencing run. Competitors commencing their run before their horse's feet are in the holding area will be disqualified. Judges decision is final.



4. (A) The barrel pattern at an **LWL** show must meet the following conditions:
- a minimum of 15 feet between each of the first two barrels and the side fence
 - a minimum of 20 feet between the third barrel and the back fence.
 - a minimum of 30 feet between the time line and the first barrel.

THERE WILL BE NO RUNNING IN THE ARENA TILL ALL 4 FEET OF THE HORSE ARE IN THE HOLDING AREA OF THE ARENA SHOWN IN THE DIAGRAM.