

Horse VS Horsepower Barrel Racing Guidelines & Rules

Pembina Co. Fair Hamilton, ND

In barrel racing, three barrels are set up in a triangular pattern. Each rider must turn each barrel while navigating the cloverleaf pattern as fast as he or she can. Riders may choose to approach the right or left barrel first. The right barrel is most-commonly selected as the first barrel, requiring one right-hand turn and two left-hand turns.

If you go off pattern, this results in a no time. Knocking a barrel is a plus-five second penalty. Riders are allowed to touch the barrel and if it doesn't fall completely over, a penalty can be avoided.

ENTRIES: You may enter as many machines or horses as you want (as time limits and total number of rider limits determined by the HHP committee allow).

We reserve the right to re-work the course at any time during the event.

1. DOT approved helmet and eye protection is required for bike riders.
2. Over the ankle leather boots suggested, long sleeved shirts are strongly suggested, and full-length pants are required.
3. Speed limit is 5 mph when not participating in an individual event.
4. No alcohol or drugs of any kind are allowed in the pit area or arena.
5. Any person who appears to be chemically impaired will not be allowed to compete.
6. Riding is allowed ONLY between pits and event, not throughout fairgrounds.
7. Speed in any return lane or during non-event operation of your machine and horse must be kept low. NO stunt riding (i.e. Wheelies) will be allowed. Riders can and WILL be disqualified for inappropriate riding.
8. All decisions made by the committee are final.
9. All riders shall conduct themselves in a respectful manner.
10. All riders will be in control of their horse(s) and machine(s) during operation. If a participant is deemed reckless or lacking control, they will be disqualified.
11. Stock and modified machines allowed. NO nitrous.
12. Any tire size will be allowed, but chains or spikes will not.
13. No burnouts will be allowed in the staging areas or between the staging area and the starting line.
14. After completing a race, riders will immediately head to the pit area.
15. All riders wishing to compete MUST attend the Rider's meeting before the races can begin.
16. Once a rider enters the staging lanes, there will be no exiting.
17. Rider must obey the timing official. The timing official will start the race.

18. In case of a breakdown, each rider is responsible for hooking the towrope to his/her own machine; any and all damages incurred when being pulled are the sole responsibility of the rider.

19. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Any display of unacceptable behavior will result in disqualification.

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