

VDR / NBHA RULES & REGULATIONS

Sign In: Required for ALL riders PRIOR to mounting. Every rider must sign a release, including those not competing.

Turn Out /Changes: All entries are FINAL. Class changes are not accepted. There will be no refunds given for turnouts without a vet or doctor note. NO EXCEPTIONS. Certified turnouts will still be charged admin fees. If you turn out or do not show, you WILL be responsible for your fees by 9:30am of show day, as they are already put into the payout!

Draw: Draw will be posted on Friday May 31st. Please check your entries and notify us ASAP if there is an error.

Exhibitions: 60 second rule. Show up early, we will not run exhibitions over time. Walk up exhibitions are welcome.

Age categories: Based on your age as of January 1st. Youth 18 and under. Peewee 8 and under.

Green as Grass / Novice Requirements (as per NBHA guidelines, see NBHA Rule Book). For VDR classes 25 seconds or slower for Barrels. 30 Seconds or slower for Poles. 15 seconds or slower for Flag.

Grand Entry: Mandatory for all unless unsafe to do so. Please be ready to go after O'Canada.

Grounds Fee: Required for ALL riders, including those just hauling in or doing exhibitions only.

Helmets: Strongly encouraged and mandatory for anyone under 18 years, whether competing or not.

Dress Code: Proper western attire strongly enforced. Cowboy hat or helmet, LONG sleeve button up western shirt, proper jeans without rips, Cowboy boots or certified riding boots.

Payout- VDR payout as follows- Less than 20 riders, pay to 3rd. More than 20 riders, pay to 5th. More than 40 riders, pay to 8th. NBHA payout will be divisional.

Awards: Buckles for Year End Open, Youth & Novice Barrel Champions. Additional Awards pending sponsorship.

Cattle events (ranch roping, sorting): Run as an open class (all ages).

Cattle Conduct: Disqualification for horse stepping on cow, biting cow (touching with nose is a warning only), rider running cow into a corner or fence, or excessive running. Judges call is final.

Branding: Flag stick with dabber. You must stamp the cow (on either side) anywhere BEHIND the shoulder. Time cap to 45 seconds. *Branding TBD if held in round pens or main arena*

Cattle Sorting: You may enter up to 2 times. Teams of 2. Sorting will be in round pen, you will get 2 goes, capped at 2 minutes and 30 seconds each.

Ranch Roping: In round pen, no breakaway hondos, must have standard rope with rope tied off on horn. 2 goes.

General Conduct: Zero tolerance for any disrespectful behaviour towards fellow competitors, staff, volunteers, etc. from ANYONE. You will be asked to leave with no refund given for any misconduct. We promote a professional, fun environment for all.

Animal Welfare: ZERO tolerance for mistreated horses. Whipping rule (3+ whips in a row = disqualification). No long whips. (Crops and over and unders are permitted)

Bio Security: VDR reserves the right to turn you out of the show if your horse is coughing, has a snotty nose or shows any signs of illness. Horses may be temped upon arrival if there are any disease outbreaks within Ontario.

Coggins: Neg. test required within 1 year

Dogs: Must be on leash at all times and at your trailer. NO EXCEPTION. **\$100** fine for loose dog.

Water: Please bring as much water as you can for your horses. We will have water tanks. Water from the taps, hosing horses etc. will **NOT** be available **we are on a well**

Toilets: Please use outhouses, not the Saloon Toilets to help us save water.

Pens: Solid Pannels strongly encouraged. If your pen does not look safe you will be required to pay for your horse to stay in a VDR pen. **\$200** fine for loose horse through the night.

Secretary: Questions only taken during a drag or between classes. Please DO NOT disturb our secretaries while riders are running. They must have their eyes on the riders & timers!

Saloon & Bonfire: Chillie, water, juice & pop from 12:30pm- 5pm. Everyone is welcome for our afternoon / evening bonfire & ranch games!

Spectators / Admission: All competitors may bring up to THREE guests. VDR members are FREE. All other spectators there is a \$5 admission fee per person. Under 6 is free. Bring your own lawn chair.

Overnight: All overnight guests arriving Friday MUST note that on entry form.

Grounds: Please stay in the parking field ONLY and warmup area only. Riding around the yard, trails etc. is NOT permitted.

Manure may be SPREAD on field. Please do not dump shaving on the grass! Do not leave cigarettes, gum, or trash in our fields! NO GLASS. Take your trash with you or place it in the trash bins! **\$100 fine** if your rig left a mess.

Questions: Questions taken by phone only (call or text) 705-477-6655.

Thank you for your understanding & cooperation, we look forward to an awesome event!