



2025 Lafourche Roping Club
Let's Get Western
Buckle Series
5D Barrels & 3D Poles

Rule Book

SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday, 11/07/25

Friday, 11/21/25

Friday, 12/19/25

Friday, 01/02/26

Friday, 01/30/26

Friday, 02/13/26

AGE DIVISIONS / EVENTS / ENTRY FEES / PAYOUT

1. Contestants are NOT required to be members of Lafourche Roping Club (LRC), however, contestants who are LRC Buckle Series members will be eligible to earn points for awards at the end of the Series.
2. Contestants who are NOT LRC Buckle Series members but wish to be eligible to earn points for awards at the end of the Series may purchase a \$ 50.00 Individual Series Card / \$ 75.00 Family Series Card. Points earned will begin on the date their membership is purchased. Series cards are only good for the scheduled series.
3. All contestants will be eligible for day money, however, only members or those competing on a Series Card will earn points for awards at the end of the Series.
4. Membership and Entry Forms will be available at each show.
5. All entries will be paid by CASH ONLY at the entry stand only. One entry form is to be filled out per rider/horse at each show. Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Once paid, there will be NO REFUNDS* - see item 13 below.
6. Books will close and entries will NO LONGER be accepted after 6:30 pm. Once books are closed, NO MORE entries will be taken.
7. Prior to entering the arena for show events, and/or exhibitions, ALL participants (members as well as non-members) entering the arena must sign the Buckle Series Entry Form acknowledging and accepting terms of the ***LRC Release Form/Day Permit*** (waiver). Minors (under 18 years of age) will require the signature consent of their parental/legal guardian at each show.
8. **Age Divisions: (as of January 1, current year)**
 - a. Leadline (8 years old & under or riders requiring assistance)
 - b. Pee-Wee (10 years old & under, no assistance required)
 - c. Youth (11 to 13 years of age)
 - d. Junior (14 to 17 years of age)
 - e. Senior (18 to 39 years of age)
 - f. Gold (40 & over)
9. All age divisions are determined by the exhibitor's age on January 1st of the current show year. In the event of an age discrepancy, proof of age is to be provided by means of a birth certificate or driver's license.
10. Any rider can choose to move up in an age division, points earned will not follow the contestant to another division. The overall number of shows in which the contestant competes within the series will count regardless of the divisions in which they competed.

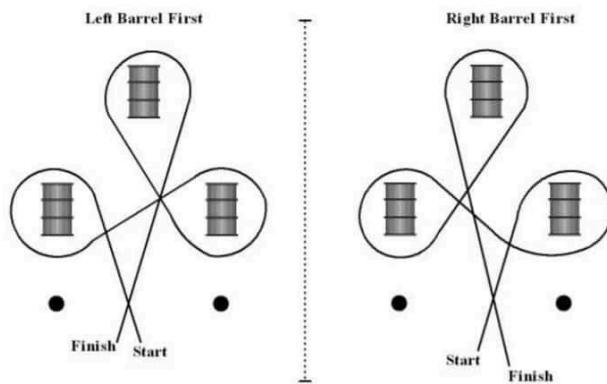
11. Show Events:

Barrels & Poles

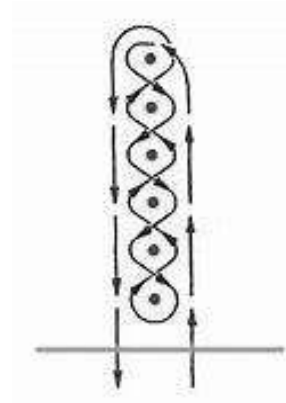
All event rules are based on the **AQHA Rule Book**.

Rider may approach from either left or right

LRC Horse Show Ground Rules supersede all other rule books.



Barrels



Poles

12. **Entry Fees:**

- a. Leadline Barrels only: \$ 20.00
- b. Pee-Wee Barrels: \$ 20.00
- c. Youth Barrels: \$ 20.00
- d. Junior Barrels: \$ 20.00
- e. Senior Barrels: \$ 20.00
- f. Gold Barrels: \$ 20.00
- g. 5-D Open Barrels: \$ 40.00
- h. 3-D Open Pole Bending: \$ 30.00

- i. Pen/Ground Fees: \$ 5.00 *PER RIDER, not horse*
 - i. All contestants will pay a ground/arena fee.
 - ii. Ground fees are allocated to the Club for the upkeep of the arena and equipment, i.e. tractor, drag, etc.
- j. Exhibitions: \$ 5.00/run – or – 3 runs for \$ 12.00
 - i. Ground/arena fees will apply for contestants running exhibition only.
 - ii. ALL participants must complete and sign an Entry Form/horse.
 - iii. Barrel exhibitions will start at the beginning of the show.
 - iv. Exhibitions will be run on the same pattern that will be run during the show.

13. Entry fees are non-transferable and non-refundable.

14. **Payouts:** With the exception of Leadline, payouts per event will be based on the number of entries.

- A. All Leadline contestants will receive a \$ 2.00 cash prize for each show in which they competed at the end of the show.

POINTS EARNED FOR END-OF-SERIES AWARDS

1. Contestants who are LRC Buckle Series members will be eligible to earn points for awards at the end of the Series.
2. Contestants who are NOT LRC Buckle Series members but wish to be eligible to earn points for awards at the end of the series may purchase a \$ 50.00 Individual Buckle Series / \$ 75.00 Family Buckle Series Card. Points earned will begin on the date their Series Membership is purchased.
3. Points earned by LRC Buckle Series members may only be earned for the age division in which the contestant competed.
4. NO points will be awarded if a person applies for series membership AFTER they have ridden on that date. In such a case, point eligibility will begin on the next show date.
5. Non-members or contestants choosing NOT to purchase an Series Card will NOT be eligible for the end-of-the-series or participation awards.
6. Contestants must compete to receive points.
7. In order for points to count for series-end awards, contestants must compete in at least 4 of 6 Shows.
8. Leadline contestants will be awarded one (1) participation point for each paid event. Leadline contestants may compete on any horse and will be eligible for points/awards if they are an LRC Buckle Series member.
9. A point system will be used and capped at 10.
 - i. If there are ten (10) contestants but only 9 contestants are Buckle Series members, the first-place winner will receive nine (9) points; second place will receive (8) points, and down to last place receiving one (1) point.
 - ii. If there is only one contestant entered in the event who is a Buckle Series member, only one (1) point will be issued to that contestant for a qualified ride.
 - iii. In the case of a knocked over barrel or pole in a division class, points will be issued to the contestant.
 - iv. In the case of NO TIME in an Open event due to a knocked over barrel or pole, no points will be issued to the contestant.
 - v. *Points will NOT be awarded to contestants disqualified (DQ'd) for unsportsmanlike conduct.*
10. At the end of the show season, Series-end awards for **Event Champion & Reserve Champion** will be presented to the top 2 points earners in each class in every age division. Awards will be given to the top contestants meeting the requirements in each division:
 - a. Must be a LRC Buckle Series Member
 - b. Must have entered and competed in a minimum show count of 4
11. At the end of the series, an **ALL-AROUND** award will be given to the top contestant in each division meeting the requirements:
 - a. Must be a LRC Buckle Series Member
 - b. Must have entered and competed in a minimum show count of 4
12. Buckle Series points are not final until the end of the last show and the points have been verified by the Horse Show Chairperson and Committee.
13. Series-end ties will be settled by the rider having the most first place finishes, second place finishes, etc.
14. All Series-end awards will be given out on a date to be announced. Awards will be determined by the amount of funds available at the end of the show series. All profits from buckle series shows will be allocated towards end-of-the-series awards.

ARENA RULES

1. The LRC recommends that all riders wear a helmet. Riders must provide their own tack/equipment.
2. Only riding boots or riding shoes with a heel will be allowed for riding.
3. The lineup will be announced at the start of each class and posted. If the contestant is not in line at the entrance to the arena when called to ride, they will be scratched from the event. It is the participant's responsibility to have help with a problem horse.
4. The rider's name will be called three (3) times. If the rider does not begin their run by the end of the 3rd call, they will be scratched.
5. Leadline contestants must be led or have someone in the arena with them (*on foot*) if they are NOT able to ride alone.
6. With the exception of the Leadline class, only the horse and rider competing in the event will be allowed in the arena when running a pattern. Any horse leading in another horse must exist the arena immediately before the contestant begins their run.
7. NO horses are allowed in the arena while the tractor is dragging or when workers are setting up for an event.
8. Failure of a rider's tack or gear, or a rider falling off their horse, does not constitute a re-ride. A re-ride will be granted if a horse broadsides during a run. A re-ride may also be granted if the LRC's equipment, i.e. timer, fails and backup times are not available.
9. Horse may approach barrel or pole from either side.
10. If a pattern is broken or a pole or barrel knocked down, the contestant may continue the forward motion to finish the remainder of the pattern then exit the arena. The contestant may NOT circle a barrel more than once or restart the pattern for practice.
11. If a show has started and must be stopped and/or discontinued, the Horse Show Chairman and Committee will reschedule a date and time to restart the show as soon as possible. The show will resume where it was stopped. No new entries will be accepted for the event.
12. Any attempt by a rider to bully, mock a rule, display unsportsmanlike conduct, and/or mistreat their horse or any other animal will be considered unruly behavior and result in a verbal warning and possible disqualification (DQ) for that event. If the conduct persists, the Horse Show Chairperson reserves the right to disqualify that person for the remainder of the show/shows and have them removed from the grounds. NOTE: All paid entry fees and points will be forfeited by a rider ejected from an event/show/series.
13. End of the day ties will be settled by ride-off or flip of coin. Both riders must agree to either run or flip. If not in agreement, then the rider who refuses to run will lose the tie.

LRC FACILITY / GROUNDS RULES

1. Lafourche Roping Club is not responsible for loss or damage to a person, horse, vehicle, horse trailer, and/or any personal belongings while in transit to/from or while on the show grounds.
2. A current Coggins will be required for ALL horses on the LRC grounds. If a state inspection should occur, the owner/rider should have an original Coggins readily available to provide to the inspector.
3. **No glass containers** will be allowed on the LRC grounds at any time.
4. Please put your trash in the trash cans provided.
5. No outside food or ice chests will be allowed if the concession stand is open. Funds raised from the concession stand or any refreshment sale during a Horse Show are allocated towards the end-of-the-series awards.
6. No horses will be allowed by the concession stand or within/behind spectator seating areas.
7. No one *under the influence or perceived to be under the influence* will be allowed to ride or *enter* the arena at any time.
8. LRC Horse Shows are family events therefore, unruly conduct, disruptive behavior, and/or foul language from a contestant, worker, or spectator (member or not) will NOT be tolerated. LRC reserves the right to ask violators (those who choose to become unruly or disruptive) to leave. If necessary, violators will be escorted off the grounds immediately. Disciplinary actions will be decided by the Board.