



State Fair Barrel Race Rules

Open Race(s) EF \$50 race

- * Open Race \$5000 Added
- * Open Races 5D format with .5 second splits.
- * If all placings in a division are not filled, remaining places will be divided equally in that division and checks will be split among the other divisions.
- * 75% of entry fees and 100% of added money.
- * Buckles to 1st place Division Winners

Open Race Incentives: EF \$25 each

Age Incentives:

- * 3 age incentives in Open Race 1
- * Youth 18 & under
- * Adult 19-49
- * Senior 50 & over.
- * Age will be based on the age of the contestant on the first day of the race.
- * 4D format with .5-second splits.
- * 80% equal payback

General Rules:

1. Horse Name and Substitution

You must provide a name for your horse before the first horse runs in the race you are entered starts. Registered names are preferred. You cannot use the name horse 1, horse 2 etc.

You may substitute a horse in this barrel race, however if the horse is already entered you cannot change draw position or run the horse in the same section. Any horse substitution must be made with the show secretary, in writing using the Change form before the first horse runs. All horse changes must be submitted on a Change Form and a \$10 fee will apply.

Any rider substitution must be made with the show secretary, in writing using the change form before the first horse runs in the race you are making the change.

2. All rider changes must be submitted on a Change Form and a \$25 fee will apply.

3. Selling a Run

Selling a run is not allowed. You have to draw out completely. If there are spots still available, they can enter as a new entry.

4. Check-In

Come By office and fill out a release and w-9.

5. Stalls

NOTE: ALL STALLS AT WILL BE PRE-ASSIGNED. If you are traveling to the event in a group and would like for the horses in your group to be stalled near each other, ONE of the contestants in your group MUST reserve ALL needed stalls to guarantee your stalls will be together. Please do not send any requests to be stalled together. There is not a hauling partner form. Outside shavings are not allowed.

6. Dress Code

All contestants must wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, Western Hat (minimum 2 1/2" brim), and cowboy boots or equestrian sport shoes. Caps are not permitted. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification.

NOTE: If the hat falls off and lands in the alleyway or arena, a \$10 dress code fine will be assessed. Helmets are not required but all contestants are encouraged to wear one. Anyone not wearing the proper head attire in the arena will be assessed a \$10 fine. All fine money will be going to the State Fair Barrel Race Scholarship Program.

7. Sportsmanship

All contestants and their family members are expected to always display good sportsmanship. No level of abuse toward any animal at this event will be allowed. Foul language, misconduct, or abusive comments spoken to any contestant, spectator, staff member, or arena personnel will result in immediate contestant disqualification and no refund of entry fees. Contestants are also responsible for traveling companions and their family members.

8. Photos and a Video

State Fair Barrel Race photographs and videotapes each contestant's individual run. These photos/videos are the property of State Fair Barrel Race and decisions made by State Fair Barrel Race management as a result of viewing photos and/or video are final.

9. Fines

100% of all fines will be donated to the State Fair Scholarship Program.

10. Returned Checks

There is a \$40 service charge on all returned checks from the bank, for any reason. If a check is not replaced with a cashier's check or money order within 30 days after the check is dated, the contestant will be put on the "ineligible" list.

11. Vendors

Vendor Forms are available on the website. There shall be no selling of any type of merchandise or professional service on the arena grounds, in stalls, or at trailers without a vendor contract with State Fair.

Vendor forms are available at www.bigtex.com/horse

12. Turn Out Rules

Contestant shall identify themselves to the Gate Man and be in the holding area five horses before their run. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification. The Gate Man will be located next to the alleyway going into the arena. Contestant's name will be called by the Gate Man three times, if the contestant is not in the arena by the third call, they will be disqualified. Only one horse may be in the alleyway at any time. Remember the three official calls come from the Gate Man not the Announcer.

13. Time Begins

Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, the time will begin.

14. No Time

A "No Time" will be given to the contestant for the following reasons:

- If the contestant "circles" their horse after entering or exiting the arena. (Definition of the Arena is past the plane of the alley)
- If the contestant breaks or misses the barrel pattern.
- If the contestant runs out of turn. It is the contestant's responsibility to know their draw position.
- If a contestant knocks over a barrel. A "no time" will also be given if a barrel is knocked over and it sets up again on either end. Touching a barrel, including keeping it from falling, is permitted without penalty.
- If the contestant's horse or rider falls during the run in such a manner as to break the pattern, or if the rider falls off the horse after entering past the plane of the alley
- Unable to get horse in arena in 60-second time limit.
- If a horse stops forward motion.

15. Time Limit

If a contestant is in the holding pen and attempts to enter the arena, but is unable to get the horse down the alleyway the gateman, after the second call, will give the rider 60 seconds to enter the arena. At the end of 60 seconds if the horse has not broken the plane at the end of the alleyway into the area the rider will be disqualified. (The reason for this rule is the safety of the contestant, the other contestants in the holding area and the employees.)

16. Barrel Moved

If a barrel moved off its marker during competition, the barrel must be reset prior to the next competitor's run.

17. Horse and Rider Rule

Contestants may run any horse, regardless of ownership, but horse can only be run in a race 1 time.

18. Horses in Arena/Alley

Only one horse may be in the arena, or alleyway, at any time during competition. (The reason for this rule is the safety of the contestant. Accidents can occur where the assisting horse gets in front of the contestant horse and the contestant horse then decides to go and runs into the assisting horse.)

A horse can be assisted to the alley, but persons on foot are not allowed in the alley or the arena once the horse and rider have entered. The gate man will enforce these rules implicitly.

19. Re-Runs

Re-runs shall be granted if the official and backup timer both fail to work properly, unless a barrel has been turned over resulting in a no-time. If the barrels are not placed properly on their markers, a re-run shall also be granted without any penalties being applied; however, any penalty occurring on the re-run shall result in a no time.

20. Training in Arena

Contestants who are given a "no time," either for breaking the pattern or knocking down a barrel, may complete the pattern. However, show management may, at its discretion, ask a rider who is taking excessive time to train to leave the arena immediately. If such request is not complied with, a \$25 fine may be assessed.

21. Fastest Run Possible

Contestants must attempt to make the fastest run possible. Any obvious attempt to "pull up" or pace their run may result in the following penalties- 1st Offense - Warning, 2nd Offense - \$50 fine, 3rd Offense - one year on the "ineligible" list at State Fair Barrel Race events.

22. Tie for Prizes

If any contestants' times are tied, the prize money will be split equally. Numbered poker chips will be drawn, and prizes will be awarded based on the order of highest to lowest, with the highest number receiving the largest prize.

23. Payout Requirements

We require your social security number at time of entry. Checks must be cashed within 90 days of the event, or all monies will be forfeited.

24. Disqualifications

Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of State Fair Barrel Race may result in the disqualification of the contestant, with no refund of entry fees. The contestant may also be placed upon the "ineligible" list for State Fair Barrel Race Productions. These acts may include but are not limited to the following:

- Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence, or harass any contestant, spectator, staff member, or Arena Personnel. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of a State Fair Barrel Race staff member or management member.

* Being out of dress code.

- Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
- Use of electronic and/or remotely controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
- Abuse of a horse in any way either on the ground or in the saddle. No Whipping a horse from the ground by a bystander. Any horse in poor health or showing signs of illness as determined by our show vet can be asked to leave the premises.
- Abuse of an animal in the show arena and/or evidence that an act of abuse has occurred prior to or during the exhibition of a horse in competition
- Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Misidentifying a horse in any State Fair Barrel Race class.
- Misidentifying a rider in any State Fair Barrel Race class.
- Other conduct that is not in the best interest of State Fair Barrel Race Productions, or its contestants.
- Failure to make good on a returned check to the State Fair Barrel Race or to any other association which has a cooperative agreement with State Fair Barrel Race on the returned checks.
- The State Fair Barrel Race Management at their sole discretion shall have the authority to disqualify or deny entry to any horse they deem dangerous to the rider, or to other individuals, animals or property.

25. Safety

Safety is a prime objective at this barrel race. If you have a horse that could be dangerous to yourself, other contestants, or other horses, DO NOT come to this barrel race. Any horse or contestant deemed to be dangerous by the management of State Fair Barrel Race will be disqualified and entry fees will not be refunded.

26. Rules

The management of State Fair Barrel Race reserves the right to create any new rule, or modify any existing rule, in order to better the sport or this barrel race. Please note that the rules appearing on the boards at the event take precedence over the web site and any other postings.

27. Postponement of Event

State Fair Barrel Race reserves the right to postpone any barrel race due to a natural or manmade disaster. We do not like to put these conditions on any event, but feel it is not fair if only a small percentage of barrel racers can attend. Any monies collected will be refunded. If any event is postponed, we will reschedule it for a future date. No postponement, or cancellation, will be made due to a lack of entries.