

Show Rules

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A RELEASE FORM SIGNED BEFORE RUNNING or be disqualified.

Check-In- Check-in and late entries are posted on the entry form. Early or late arrivals can not be guaranteed help by show staff. Office hours are posted on the entry form.

Late Night Arrivals – Late night arrivals are not accepted unless you are a member. Members need to notify show staff at least two days in advance of the show to make arrangements for stalls, etc. . .

Stall Assignments - Stall assignments are non-negotiable. Do not put your horse in someone else's stall. You will be fined \$100 per horse. Shavings may be available for purchase. No portable panels or overnight tie outs unless stated otherwise. Anyone caught, will be subject to disqualification and fined \$150 per horse.

RV Hookups – Will be assigned first come first serve based on when payment was received. If you are parked at a hookup that is not assigned to you, you risk a \$100 fine and your vehicle towed.

Pre-Entry Arrivals – If you have pre-entered and filled out the necessary forms you are not required to be at the event before the first horse runs. If you have not signed a release this must be done before the first horse runs or be disqualified. Exhibitions that have been paid for in advance can be picked up at the show office during show hours.

Generators – Generator use is based on individual facility rules. Please see entry form or website for more information.

Parking- Overnight trailer parking and daily trailer parking will be designated by FloridaBarrelHorses.com Tour of Champions staff. To ensure parking availability for everyone in attendance, please park all rigs in the same direction. If you are not parked correctly a staff member may ask you to move. A twelve month negative coggins per horse is required.

Refunds – There will be no refunds for general members and non-members, except for a vet out that must be received in writing to FloridaBarrelHorses.com, 6809 SR 70 East, Bradenton, FL 34203 or by fax: 941-753-7690 no later than 4 days prior to the event day. FloridaBarrelHorses.com will retain the processing fee and 25% of the total entry fees.

Point Members may draw out with a written excusal for personal, medical or vet related problems no later than 24 hours prior to the event day. FloridaBarrelHorses.com will retain 25% of the entry fee only.

No refunds for entrants that are disqualified.

Dress Code – Long or short sleeve button up or zip up shirts with a collar, hat and boots with heels will be enforced when in the arena. A \$25 hat fine will be assessed for hats that fall off anywhere in the arena or alleyway. A \$25 dress code violation will be assessed to anyone that is not dressed in the proper attire.

Entry/Exit Gates and Alley Way –Contestant shall identify themselves, before their name is called by the announcer, to the arena coordinator (only applies when arena coordinator is present). A maximum of three gate calls will be given by the arena coordinator, after which time a contestant will be scratched.

If a rider needs special assistance, please see show office before the start of the race. There will be no exceptions if the rider has not made prior arrangements and is disqualified.

TOC staff including gate people or arena coordinator are not required to help a contestant through the gate or alley way. Entry and exit gates and holding pen requirements will remain the same for every contestant. Each contestant will be allowed one adult (18 and over) to accompany horse and rider. There will be no more than one horse in the alley way at a time, and no more than five horses in a holding pen at one time. All horses must maintain a forward motion or risk being disqualified by show staff.

The contestant that is having trouble beginning their run will have three calls by the announcer, after the third call the contestant will have 45 seconds to begin the run. If the contestant exceeds the 45 second time limit, a \$25 fine will be assessed and the rider will have an additional 45 seconds to begin the run. From the third call, a rider has a total of one minute and thirty seconds to begin the run, if the rider has not begun the run, than the rider will be disqualified and will be expected to leave the area.

Draw - Any contestant that runs out of run order will be disqualified. A horse and rider combination can not change draw positions under any circumstances. Once the early draw has been posted, no changes can be made to the draw with the exception of replacing draw outs.

Only TOC point Members can request an early draw out number when available. The request must be made one hour prior to the start of that class. Special draw order requests are not allowed.

Electronic Timers - An electronic timer will be used for every contestant. Should the timer malfunction, a re-run will be given after a drag or at the show manager's discretion. Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, the time will begin.

Hit Barrels - Knocking over a barrel during the competition will result in a no time. If a barrel falls all the way on its side and sets back up on either end, it will be considered a hit barrel and results in a no time run. Touching a barrel is legal as long as the barrel does not fall down.

Substitutions – Rider substitutions can be made on one horse/rider combination and must remain changed throughout the entire weekend and can only be made because of rider hardship. If the substitution is not being made due to a hardship, show mgmt. has the right to deny this request. The rider that is being substituted out must not be riding the rest of the weekend.

A horse and rider combination can not change draw positions under any circumstances. Horse substitutions must be received in the show office a half hour before the start of that class. A maximum of two horses per rider may be substituted in the draw, additional horse substitutions will be given a new draw number.

Late Entry – Late entries are accepted up to half hour before the start of a class. Late Entries will be either a random computer draw or manual chip draw and will be posted before the end of the pre-entry runners. TOC point members may request for an early draw out number when available and must be made one hour prior to the start of that class.

Late entries may be faxed or emailed (with credit card payment) up two days before the start of the first class. All other late entries will be accepted at the show grounds.

TOC members may also call in their entry (with credit card payment) up to two days before the start of the class.

Credit Card Payments – Visa, American Express, Discover and MasterCard are accepted. A 4% processing fee will be accessed for any credit card charges. Charge backs for any reason will result in an automatic disqualification; loss of points for any future races held by FloridaBarrelHorses.com and put on the ineligible list.

Checks – All checks will require a driver's license number, physical address and phone number and will be verified for sufficient funds. If sufficient funds are not available, cash or credit card will be required as payment before a contestant can run. A \$30 fee will be assessed for all returned and stopped checks along with an automatic disqualification and loss of points until payment is made. If a check is not replaced with a cashiers check or money order within 30 days after the check is dated, the contestant will be put on the "ineligible" list and the appropriate legal actions will be taken.

Sportsmanship - All contestants and their family members are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. No level of abuse toward any animal at any FBH 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 and the contestant will be placed on the "ineligible" list. Contestants are also responsible for traveling companions and their family members.

Dogs - All dogs and/or other animals must be on a leash at all times. A \$50.00 fine will be accessed for failure to follow these rules.

Vendors - No signs, banners or posters shall be displayed and no business shall be conducted without prior approval from the show manager.

Fouls - If a contestant feels they have been fouled during their competition run you must report to the show office immediately. A rerun will be determined based on the show manager's decision. This does not apply to ground conditions, weather, hit barrels or falls.

No Times – "No Time" will be given to a contestant for the following reasons:

- a. If the contestant breaks the cloverleaf barrel pattern.
- b. If the contestant runs out of run order.
- c. 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.
- d. If the horse or rider falls during the run in such a manner as to break the pattern, or if the rider falls off the horse.
- e. Unable to get horse in arena in 1.5 second time limit.

Family Rules - Contestant's may ride any horse, regardless of ownership. However, a horse may not be shown by more than one person in a class, unless the following conditions are met:

- a. Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, children and grandchildren 21 and under). Children and grandchildren 21 and under who are attending school away from home, but who reside part of the year with their parents or grandparents are included under this rule.
- b. Neither contestant is showing any other horse in that class.
- c. In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the same barrel race.

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 of the FloridaBarrelHorses.com.

Disqualifications - Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of FloridaBarrelHorses.com may result in the disqualification of the contestant, with no refund of entry fees. The contestant may also be placed upon the "ineligible" list of the FBH and risk losing any points accumulated to that point. These acts may include but are not limited to the following:

- a. 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 FBH staff member or management member.
- b. Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
- c. Use of electronic and/or remotely controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
- d. Abuse of a horse in any way.
- e. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- f. Misidentifying a horse in any FBH Barrel Race class.
- g. Other conduct that is not in the best interest of the FBH, or its contestants.
- h. Failure to make good on a returned check to the FBH or to any other association which has a cooperative agreement with FBH on returned checks.
- i. The FBH 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.

Sanctioning Associations – If a class is sanctioned by another organization other than TOC, it is the entrants/members responsibility to understand all rules required by that organization. If you are deemed ineligible or are disqualified for any reason by that organization, TOC is not required to refund entry fees, etc...

Safety - Safety is a prime objective at every TOC barrel race. If you have a horse that could be dangerous to yourself, other contestants, or other horses, DO NOT come. Any horse or contestant deemed to be dangerous by the management of TOC will be given a warning for the first offense and will be disqualified and entry fees will not be refunded for any future offenses thereafter.

Rule Changes - The management of FBH reserves the right to create any new rule, or modify any existing rule, in order to better the sport or this barrel race tour.

Event Cancellation – FloridaBarrelHorses.com reserves the right to postpone any barrel race due to a natural or man made disaster. Any monies collected will be refunded. If an event is postponed, it will be re-scheduled for a future date.

Age Restrictions – A rider can ride in an age restricted class up to the maximum age limit specified as long as their birthday falls within the same year as the tour season.

Wild Cards – Wild cards can only be used in the same season as issued. No carry over's to the next season will be permitted.

Pay Out – See Tour of Champions membership information for payout information.

Membership – All participants that enter a Tour of Champions class will be considered a member of the FloridaBarrelHorses.com Tour of Champions. To receive year-end awards all members must pay a point tracking fee and will be considered Point Members. See Tour of Champions membership information for point member fee.

Motorized Vehicles - Must have a valid driver's license to operate any motorized vehicles. If in violation, a \$250 fine will occur and all contestants related to offender will be immediately disqualified.

Change Requests – If a change request is submitted via phone or email it is the responsibility of the rider to ensure before the first horse runs in the class that the change has been made. No changes will be made after the first horse runs in a class.

Designations – Designations for a class can be made up until the first horse runs in the class that will be using the time for the designated class. Under no circumstances can changes be made after the first horse runs.

Any questions or disputes that arise during the show, not covered by the show rules, will be finalized by the show manager.

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