

B.B.R. WESTERN TERRITORIAL FINALS RULES – RENO, NEVADA

The following Rules Apply to the B.B.R. Western Territorial 5D Races

Eligibility & Format: Contestants must be a current B.B.R. Member, and must have participated in two (2) races at B.B.R. Qualifying Shows between October 30, 2015 and October 28, 2016. Gold Card members are automatically qualified. At B.B.R.'s discretion, B.B.R. may choose to issue WILD CARD(s), in which case the rider may be exempt from these requirements. A qualified member may enter on whatever horse they choose or as many horses as they wish. However, a horse/rider combination is considered one entry and horse may not be entered by the same rider more than once. Also, a horse may not be shown by more than one person

The Western Territorial Finals format will be a 5D with half-second splits, and will consist of two long goes and a short go. 1st Go will run in draw order. 2nd go will run in reverse draw order. The short go will be run in qualifying time order, a countdown beginning with slowest time (Back #150) to the fastest time (Back #1). (Reverse order 150-1).

Entry: Event mail-in entries must be postmarked no later than October 10, 2016. **On Site Late Entries: On site late entries for the Western Territorial Finals will be accepted until 11am on Friday, October 28th. All late entries must be paid with cash or credit card. NO EXCEPTIONS.** All entries are final. *There will be no refunds given for any reason.* All entries are for the rider, not the horse.

Payoff: The payoff for the Warm Up 5D Race and the Western Territorial Finals 5D Race will be 75% of entry fees plus 100% of added money.

The Warm Up 5D Race will be paid out according to the online BBR pay scale, with number of places paid dependent on total number of entries received.

The Western Territorial Finals 5D Race purse will be split 30% to the 1st Go, 30% to the 2nd Go and 40% to the Short Go. The number of places paid will be determined by BBR based on a formula which includes the purse split and total number of entries received.

Horse substitution will be allowed thru check-in. Substitutions will not be allowed after a horse has been checked-in and numbered.

Rider substitution will be allowed thru check-in for a \$50 fee so long as the original horse entered in that position is not substituted. Switching of draw positions will not be allowed. Substitute rider must also be another qualified B.B.R. member.

Age-Based Side Pots: Any contestant entered in the BBR Western Territorial Finals may also enter one of three age-based incentive side-pots. \$50 Entry Fee with 75% payback. The age-based incentive side-pots are based on the age of the rider as of January 1, 2016. The three groups are: Youth (15 & under), Adult (16-49), and Senior (50 & over). A contestant may only enter the side-pot corresponding to his/her age. Times will be carried from your 1st Go and 2nd Go runs to the side-pot races. The format will be a 5D with half-second splits for the age based side-pots. Money will be split evenly between the two long goes and the number of places paid will be determined by the number of entries in each side-pot.

Long Go Draw: Mail In entry long go draw will be posted on line for contestant convenience prior to the event at www.betterbarrelraces.com. A late entry draw will be added to the bottom of the mail in entry draw. The complete draw will be posted in the office within one hour after late entries books close.

Short Go Draw: A minimum of 150 contestants will qualify for the short go. Short Go finalists will be comprised of the fastest 15 contestant's times in each division from each Long Go. If a contestant places in any division on the same horse during both long goes, additional contestants will be added based on their long go time. If a contestant qualifying for the short go chooses not to compete, no additional contestants will be added.

Back numbers must be worn in the Western Territorial Finals Short Go Round – NO EXCEPTIONS!

The following Rules Apply to the B.B.R. Futurity

Futurity: Open to five- year-olds & under of 2016 (foals of 2011 or after) that have never competed in barrel racing for money, points or prizes, prior to December 1, 2015. Futurity format is two long goes and awards to the Average.

Payoffs: The payoff for Futurity will be 75% of entry fees plus 100% of added money. The Futurity will be a straight pay off. Futurity shall pay one place for every 10 entries. Futurity purse shall be split evenly between the two long goes with 50% to the 1st Go and 50% to the 2nd Go. Awards will be given on the Average, no of awards placings to be determined by total number of entries.

Tie for Purse & Prizes: If any contestant's times are tied, the prize money will be split equally.

General Rules for All Classes

Livestock Identification and Health Requirements – All Regulations Apply to both horses and cattle whether branded or not.

To enter Nevada, you must comply with your state of origin's requirements for brand inspection. All documents must adequately identify those animals in your possession. If not, you may be subject to fines and seizures.

Brand Inspection Certificate: In Nevada, a current valid brand inspection certificate is required and must be in your possession. If your state of origin does not require brand inspection on horses, then you should have some proof of ownership accompanying them. Nevada residents should have proof of ownership in possession at all times when transporting livestock.

Lifetime Horse Permits are available to Nevada residents. These permits are issued in lieu of brand inspection certificates and are good statewide and in California, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona and Utah.

Livestock Health Certificate: A current Livestock Health Certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian is required to enter the state of Nevada. It must show your animals in good health and free from disease. A Coggins test performed within the previous six (6) months is required for horses. For further information on health requirements, please call (775) 688-1180.

If open, you are required to stop at ALL Nevada Highway Patrol commercial vehicle inspection stations.

Check In: ***ALL CONTESTANTS MUST SHOW Current Negative Coggins test (dated within 6 months of October 30, 2016) and Health Papers (dated within 30 days of October 30, 2016) are required at check in. HORSES WILL NOT BE NUMBERED WITHOUT THESE DOCUMENTS.***

General Check-In will be in Livestock Pavilion Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (see schedule for times). ALL HORSES MUST BE CHECKED-IN AND NUMBERED BY CLOSE OF CHECK-IN FRIDAY.

Dress Code will be enforced, including cowboy hat or safety riding helmet, long sleeve button down or snap front shirt with collar (no sweat shirts, hoodies or lace sleeve, or burn out t's), long pants with NO HOLES (this means: no skin showing, no sewn on patches, no duct tape, etc.), cowboy boots or equine sports shoes.

Customary Tack: A bridle (with a bit and/or a noseband), saddle, saddle pad or saddle blanket, protective foot and leg boots, tie-down, bonnet, martingale or german-martingale, split reins, draw reins, are all considered to be standard and customary articles of tack used in barrel racing. B.B.R. contestants are prohibited from competing bareback, and/or bridle-less. Any articles of tack or performance enhancing gear which impede B.B.R.'s ability to hip number horses, or identify horses are prohibited in B.B.R. competition. Use of such prohibited tack or performance enhancing gear shall result in a disqualification with no refund of entry fees.

Holding Pen & Gate Call: Contestants shall identify themselves to the holding pen director located near the tunnel between barns upon being called into the arena holding pen. Failure to do so will result in a no time. Contestants must be in the holding pen and ready when their name is called.

Competition Arena: Contestants will have 60-second time limit, commencing from announcer's first call, to enter the arena. Three calls, and only three calls will be given. Failure to enter the arena within this time limit will result in a No-Time.

If a contestant competes out of turn, he/she will receive a no-time. Contestants running more than one horse must run the horses in the position in which named horses are drawn or they will receive a no-time.

Contestants must be mounted and must maintain forward motion once they enter the alley/competition arena. Intentional circling, stopping or backing horses after entering alley is strictly prohibited and will result in a no-time. Contestant may be led by an un-mounted assistant into the alley, horse must not be intentionally stopped, turned or circled after entering the alley. Contestants who circle a barrel more than once during competition will be fined \$25 payable in the show office within 1 hour after their run.

Any barrel knocked down in divisional competition will result in a no-time. Barrels knocked down in Futurity competition will receive a 5-second time penalty added to run.

No re-runs will be given if a horse falls, is pulled up by the rider or in the event of a rider's equipment malfunction.

An electric timer will be used for all runs. In the event of a timer failure, a re-ride will be granted and any penalties incurred during original run will apply. Contestant shall contact the arena judge immediately to determine the position of their re-run. If a barrel is knocked down during the re-run, that penalty will apply.

Animal Abuse. IMPORTANT NOTICE: The welfare of the horse and all other animals is paramount to BBR. Anyone who excessively whips or spurs, and/or strikes a horse's ears, eyes or face with anything other than the hand, either in the arena or on the facility grounds will be fined \$100. Any rider caught using an electronic device on a horse during competition will be automatically disqualified and shall forfeit all winnings. Horses shall not be left unattended while bitted-up or tied-around on facility grounds at any B.B.R. sanctioned or produced event. Inhumane treatment, or neglect, of any horse or dog during a B.B.R. event will not be tolerated. An individual who

has been warned by a B.B.R. Representative for such behavior and persists or refutes the warning shall be fined an additional \$100. Individuals who fail to pay incurred fines will remain ineligible for competition at B.B.R., LLC events, until such time as all fines have been paid. First offenses will be punished by a fine being imposed. A second offense will be dealt with by the B.B.R. Founders and may result in a fine of up to \$5,000 (to be donated to a non-profit animal rescue center) and a suspension of membership.

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 bring it to this barrel race. Any horse or contestant deemed to be dangerous by the management of B.B.R. will be disqualified and entry fees will not be refunded. Better Barrel Races, LLC does not assume any responsibility for personal injury, loss, theft or damage. Contestants and all other parties recognize barrel racing as a hazardous sport and participate at their own risk.

Disqualifications: Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of B.B.R. may result in the disqualification of the contestant, with no refund of entry fees. The contestant may also be placed upon the B.B.R. "ineligible" list. 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 B.B.R. 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 or neglect of a horse or dog as defined within these rules.
- e. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- f. Misidentifying a horse in any B.B.R. Barrel Race class.
- g. Misidentifying a rider in any B.B.R. Barrel Race class.
- h. Other conduct that is not in the best interest of the B.B.R., or its contestants.
- i. Failure to make good on a returned check to the B.B.R., to any B.B.R. Independent Producer, or B.B.R. Vendor.
- j. Failure to pay any fines within one hour of fine being incurred during the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals may result in contestant disqualification.
- k. The B.B.R. 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.

Payout Check Distribution: Checks will only be issued at the conclusion of the competition to individuals who have a completed W-9 tax form on file in the show office. Checks will be issued in the name of the rider in all classes except futurity and slot race, in which case checks will be issued to the horse owner, or slot owner, on record. B.B.R. reserves the right to hold all prizes (check and awards) until a completed W-9 has been submitted. B.B.R. also reserves the right to withhold balances due B.B.R., from the winnings of individuals who have outstanding accounts.

Barn & Stalls

All stalls will be pre-assigned. Contestants riding a stallion or a problem horse must send a written request for special accommodations for that horse with their entry. These individuals will be given special consideration for stalling. There are no written or implied guarantees that tack stalls will be available at all locations. Contestants wishing to be stalled together must send their entries in the same envelope. However, B.B.R. does not guarantee its ability to stall contestants next to each other as per their requests.

All horses staying on the grounds must be stalled in the accommodations provided by B.B.R. Overnight tying of horses is strictly prohibited. There will be absolutely no tying of horses in the warm-up areas, round pens, and/or alley ways of the stall barns at any time.

Any horse found in a stall that has not been assigned specifically to it, or any horse found loose or tied and unattended will be locked in an empty stall. The owner must purchase that stall (\$80) before horse will be released or allowed to compete.

All paid stalls will be tagged or marked with the rider's name.

Contestants should clean stalls daily prior to NOON. Host Facility will pick up all stacked refuse by noon. Late refuse often sits overnight. Designated stall refuse containers are spotted in designated areas at the West end of the barns. Refuse may be deposited directly into only designated stall refuse recepticals, or deposited in front of stalls for removal. Do not place stall refuse in the alleyways or trash barrels. DO NOT PILE STALL REFUSE ON CENTER ALLEY DRAINS.

Horse trailers remaining on the grounds must be cleaned after arrival to prevent odors and flies.

Any nails, tacks or wire used in or on stalls must be removed prior to move-out. All use of nails, tacks, wire or any similar material is strictly prohibited.

No electric cords will be allowed to lie on the ground or hang suspended in any area used or traversed by horses.

Any horse owner or rider wishing to remove stall panels or dismantling pre-constructed stalls must receive express written consent from the B.B.R. Show Office. There is a \$500 Fee for the removal or dismantling of pre-constructed stall panels.

Wash racks are provided by the host facility. Do not wash horses in stalls, alleyways, streets or any other area other than the designated wash racks.

As per Reno Livestock Event Center Rules: All dogs must be kept on a leash when outside of vehicles. Owners must clean up their dog's waste. No dogs are allowed in the host facility, restrooms, concession stands or in the Main Arena at the Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center. A \$50 fine will be imposed for failure to follow these rules.

Parking & Camping

No vehicles, including automobiles, trucks, trailers, RV's, golf carts, scooters, bicycles, etc., are allowed inside the barns (with the exception event and facility staff) or on the lawns at any time.

Overnight camping with hook-ups is allowed only in the host facility designated area. Utility connections (electric, gas, water, sewer) to vehicles from any barn area source is strictly prohibited.

Area traffic/parking signs are to be observed at all times.

Designated fire lanes must be kept clear at all times. **The roads immediately adjacent to either side of the stall barns OR end of the shed rows are for unloading only!** Vehicles must be moved immediately after unloading. No parking will be allowed along Stall Barn Shed Row. Any contestant who fails to move a vehicle from a loading/unloading zone as requested by a B.B.R. staff member or a facility representative will incur a \$100 fine.

After unloading, all trailers are to park in designated trailer parking areas.

Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas will be towed at the owner's expense.

Miscellaneous

A \$100 charge will be assessed for every check returned to B.B.R. by the bank marked insufficient, closed account or stop payment. Anyone who fails to pay the return check charge will remain ineligible for nomination to subsequent B.B.R. Founders' events, until such time as all return check charges have been paid.

All fines are to be paid in cash in the show office. Contestants with outstanding fines will not be allowed to compete until such time as fine(s) has been paid.

The posting of signs, advertisements, posters, bumper stickers, or cards on any surface other than bulletin boards is prohibited.

Selling of merchandise or professional services on the grounds, in stalls, or at trailers is prohibited unless you are a vendor contracted with Better Barrel Races, LLC.

Damage willfully caused to any property, i.e., stalls, barns, grandstands, etc. of B.B.R., its representatives, the Host Facility or Host Hotel, shall be paid for by the contestant or their representative before being allowed to continue to participate at the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals.

Any questions or disputes which may arise during the course of the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals not covered by the above rules will be decided and settled by Better Barrel Races, LLC. This decision will be final.

Photo & Video Rules: Better Barrel Races, LLC retains all rights to every photo and/or video taken on the Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center grounds during the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals event. Contestant grants Better Barrel Races, LLC the right to use any photographs or video of him/her taken at the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals, including but not limited to those of any contestant during competition or while otherwise attending the event, for publicity purposes. Contestant agrees that no photographic or video images taken of the competition or exhibition areas will be altered or copied without the express written consent of Better Barrel Races, LLC and the photographer/videographer. **Contestants are expressly prohibited from taking pictures/videos of photographer/videographer proofs or recorded runs at the viewing booths unless approved by the event videographer or photographer.** B.B.R. press credentials are required for all commercial photographers or videographers on the host facility grounds during the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals. Credentials can be obtained in the show office. Individuals without prior approval and proper Better Barrel Races press credentials will be asked to leave the premises.

Better Barrel Races, LLC does not assume any responsibility for personal injury, loss, theft or damage. Contestants and all other parties recognize barrel racing as a hazardous sport and participate at their own risk.

Better Barrel Races, LLC reserves the right to make any changes to the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals, it deems necessary, including cancellation. B.B.R. assumes no responsibility for providing any notice of changes to any contestant. Any notice provided by Better Barrel Races, LLC is only for the convenience of the contestant.

Resolutions of Disputes: It is recognized that Better Barrel Races, LLC is an Oklahoma based company which has established the rules and conditions for participation in the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals. By participating in this program and/or entering this contest each participant agrees to be bound by rules and conditions as established by

and as interpreted by Better Barrel Races, LLC. In the event of a dispute with respect to any matter governing the award of prizes, awards and monies, the decision by Better Barrel Races, LLC shall be final, binding and not subject to challenge in any court of law.

In the event a lawsuit is filed, the parties hereto consent to WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL concerning any controversy arising out of or relating to any of the parties' dealings with each other, whether in contract or in tort, AND TO SUBMIT ANY AND ALL DISPUTES TO ARBITRATION pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Uniform Arbitration Act found at 15 O.S. §801, et seq. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of 15 O.S. §801, et seq. and, specifically, pursuant to the provisions of 15 O.S. §804, in the event a lawsuit is filed, Better Barrel Races, LLC may apply to the Court for the appointment, in the sole discretion of the Court, of a single arbitrator which said arbitrator will arbitrate said dispute in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Uniform Arbitration Act. Each participant agrees that in the event of an unsuccessful lawsuit, the claimant shall be liable for Better Barrel Races, LLC costs and attorney's fees. Each Participant also agrees (a) that the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals, as described in the conditions, bears a reasonable relationship to the state of Oklahoma; (b) that the rules, conditions and conduct should be governed by the laws of the state of Oklahoma in all respects, and (c) that Cleveland County, Oklahoma shall be the choice of venue. It is the sole responsibility of each participant to make timely payments to maintain entry eligibility. Neither Better Barrel Races, LLC, nor its directors, accepts responsibility for providing any notice of deadlines or eligibility to any member. Any notice provided by Better Barrel Races, LLC is only for the convenience of the members. Failure to mail or receive any notice shall in no way absolve the member from ultimate responsibility to insure timely payment(s). Better Barrel Races, LLC may elect to provide entry reminder notices, eligibility lists or any other notice but is under no obligation to do so.

All parties involved in the B.B.R. Western Territorial Finals are responsible for reading these conditions and fully understanding their contents. Better Barrel Races, LLC assumes no liability to those who have not read the conditions and having not read these conditions they are still held to their contents.