

2023 907 Rule Book



RACE CLASSES

Race classes for barrels will be as follows:

Open No age limit

Youth 17 & Under as of January 1st

Youth can enter both youth and open events.

Race class for pole bending will be as follows:

Open No age limit

DIVISIONS & PAYOUT

The formats are divided into divisions accordingly:

Open Barrels 4D Format

- 1st Division = Fastest time
- 2nd Division = Fastest time + .5 seconds
- 3rd Division = Fastest time + 1 second
- 4th Division = Fastest time + 2 seconds

Poles 4D Format

- 1st Division = Fastest time
- 2nd Division = Fastest time + 1 second
- 3rd Division = Fastest time + 2 second
- 4th Division = Fastest time + 3 seconds

Youth Barrels 5D Format

- 1st Division = Fastest time
- 2nd Division = Fastest time + .5 seconds
- 3rd Division = Fastest time + 1 second
- 4th Division = Fastest time + 2 seconds
- 5th Division = Fastest time + 3 seconds

907 Barrel Racers use the Charlie Horse Barrel Racing computer program for calculating payout. Division payoff percentages:

4D Payout

Division 1	30%
Division 2	27%
Division 3	23%
Division 4	20%

5D Payout

Division 1	30%
Division 2	25%
Division 3	20%
Division 4	15%
Division 5	10%

If due to time breakdown no riders fall in a division, then the payout percentages for the remaining divisions will automatically adjusted by the computer program. If only one person is in a division, that rider receives the total payout for that division.

Barrels and pole bending places and percentages for each division

1 place	- 100%
2 places	- 60%, 40%
3 places	- 50%, 30%, 20%
4 places	- 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

Barrels		Pole Bending	
1-12	- entries will pay 1 place	1-10	- entries will pay 1 place
13-18	- entries will pay 2 places	11-15	- entries will pay 2 places
19-25	- entries will pay 3 places	16-21	- entries will pay 3 places
26 & Up	- entries will pay 4 places	22 & Up	- entries will pay 4 places

Payoff will be rounded to the nearest dollar (drop cents).

ENTRIES

All contestants/participants must sign a release of liability waiver and code of conduct before competing. No exceptions.

1. Race will start promptly at 7pm. Books open at 5:45pm. Entries books close at 6:30pm. No late entries accepted. Exhibitions runs will be paid at the gate and start at 6:15pm. If you miss your place in the draw you forfeit your entries. Start times may be adjusted if needed and will be shared with members.
2. Member entry fees are as follows (fees are the same for both barrels and poles):

Open = **\$30.00**

Youth = **\$20.00**

Non-members are welcome to participate, although will be required to pay an additional \$10.00 per event.

Exhibition runs are intended to familiarize the horse and rider with the arena and pattern, or for horse and rider not yet ready to contest. Exhibition fees are as follows:

Exhibition Run = \$5.00 Member

Exhibition Run = \$10.00 Non-members

3. Contestants riding multiple horses in one category must pay separate entry fees for each horse ridden.
4. Entry fees are to be paid in cash only. There will be no exceptions made as the entry monies are used to pay out places at the end of the race. If additional payment sources become available they will be shared with members.
5. When youth riders enter more than one qualifying race category, they will make one run and the time will carry to the other race category. Rider must pay the standard entry fee for each category.
6. 30% of entry fee monies is retained by 907 Barrel Racers to pay race related costs including, but not limited to, arena fees, flagger, rakers, etc.
7. The draw shall be done in a random manner, i.e.: computer, shuffling cards, numbered chips, etc. Youth and open barrels will be a combined draw.
8. 907 Barrel Racers officials or event officials at their sole discretion shall have the authority to disqualify or deny entry to any horse they deem unfit for competition or that they deem dangerous to the rider, other individuals, animals, or property.

GENERAL RULES

1. The 907 Barrel Racers Association reserves the right to refuse service to any individual as they see fit.
2. All contestants/participants must sign a release of liability waiver and code of conduct before participating in any 907 Barrel Racers events. *NOTE: This includes non-competitors riding horses (i.e. warming up, training, etc.) during an event.*
3. Participants under 18 years of age must have a waiver of liability signed by a parent or guardian. If rider turns 18 during the season, a new waiver should be signed by rider and helmet requirement may be waived.
4. Membership entitles the holder to participate in all 907 Barrel Racers approved races and accumulate points towards year end awards provided sponsorship have been met. *See Membership section.*
5. Non-members cannot earn points towards year end awards.
6. There are no refunds or carrying entries to a future race for voluntary draw outs. If a horse becomes lame, the contestant/participant needs to bring the matter to the attention of a 907 board member and may be issued a refund.
7. Contestants/participants are responsible to abide by all arena rules (i.e. dogs not leashed, no loose dogs, other arena usage, etc.)
8. Contestants are responsible for cleaning-up after their horse(s) and garbage left behind by themselves, children and family members. Fines may be imposed.
9. Riders and handlers of stallions must be over the age of 18 years.
10. There is only one contestant and horse allowed in the arena at the time of competition.
11. Contestants will be allowed a running start and will be required to run in and out of the arena when safely able to do so.
12. The start/finish lines will be one and the same. A contestant's time will begin and end when they cross this line.
13. Races will be timed by electronic eye, with a stop watch back up when available. If the eye fails on more than 50% of entries, then all times will be taken from the back up times.
14. It is a standard rule that contestants will receive a no time for crossing back over the eye and stopping the clock before the run is completed. However, due to tight space constraints of some arenas this rule can be discussed by the board on a case by cases basis and over ruled.
15. The use of leg straps to secure the rider to their horse will not be allowed at any 907 Barrel Racers event. Use of these will be considered reason for disqualification.
16. If a horse falls during its run, gets back up, and the horse and rider complete the pattern, the time will count as long as there is no broken pattern.
17. If at any time during a race a rider comes off their horse this will be a no time.
18. Contestants who run out of draw order will receive a no time.

RULES APPLYING TO RIDING MULTIPLE HORSES

1. Contestants may ride multiple horses in the same category.
2. Each horse/rider is considered one contestant. For that specific race, points go with the rider.
3. Each horse/rider team earns individual money.
4. Riders with multiple horses must specify the horse with each entry. The draw position assigned will be to a specific horse and the rider must ride the horses in the order specified or be subject to disqualification on that draw/horse. Back to back draws for a rider on more than 1 horse will be given enough time to change out, no substitutions.
5. It is strongly suggested that riders competing on multiple horses have gear for each one. This will save time during the course of the race and avoid the chaos of switching gear mid-race.

DRESS CODE

1. In the event of a paying audience, all contestants are required to wear a long sleeved western button down shirt, cowboy hat or helmet, jeans, and cowboy boots.
2. Cowboy boots must be worn at all times by all persons on horseback whether the individual is a competitor or not. This rule extends to all persons including family and spectators.
3. Helmets **MUST BE** worn by anyone under 18 years old when they are on horseback. This includes warming up and casual riding.

BARREL RACE/PATTERN

1. Only 55 gallon drums may be used. No plastic barrels or pop-up barrels will be allowed.
2. The barrel pattern is being 1 right turn and 2 left turns or vice versa. Contestants may run to the either the left or right barrel first, but then must finish the pattern accordingly. Contestants will receive a no time for breaking pattern.
3. Knocking over a barrel will result in a no time. Touching a barrel is permitted.
4. Should a barrel be knocked over and then re-set up on the opposite end, it will still be considered knocked over and a no time.
5. Barrels will be repositioned on the markers precisely if they are accidentally moved by a contestant during competition.
6. Barrels will be raked based on number of contestants and will be done by motorized drag when possible, or by hand when not.
7. Barrels are to be set no closer than 15 feet from the side fences and no closer than 20 feet from the end fence. Score line shall be no closer than 20 feet from between barrels 1 & 2.

8. Barrel pattern can be set according to arena size if desired, but shall be no larger than standard size. (Standard course: 90 feet between barrel 1 & 2, 105 feet between barrels 1 & 3, and 2 & 3. 60 feet between barrels 1 & 2 and the score line.)
9. Score line shall be no closer than 20 feet from the end of the arena.
10. Barrel and electric eye markers are to be used.
11. Barrel and electronic eye shall be positioned centered over where the marker comes out of the ground.

POLE BENDING RACE/PATTERN

1. The pattern is to be run around 6 poles. Each pole is to be positioned 21 feet apart and the first pole is to be 21 feet from the start/finish line.
2. Poles are to be set on top of the ground, six feet in height, with no base more than 14 inches in diameter.
3. Poles are to be positioned in a perfectly straight line.
4. Contestants may start either to the left or the right of the first pole, and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.
5. Knocking over a pole will result in a no time. If pole falls, hits the ground and bounces back up, the run will still be considered a no time.

FLAGGERS/TIMERS/OFFICIALS

1. There shall be one flagger positioned behind the electronic eye, if available, to flag the racer in and out on the horse's nose.
2. There shall be a timer(s) to operate the electronic eye and to run a backup stopwatch, if available.
3. Secretary will be responsible for taking race entries, payout of award monies, and maintaining accurate points for year-end awards. Contestants have 24 hours from the day of a payout to notify secretary of a suspected error in monies. After 24 hours, the payout will stand as is.
4. Race officials have the right to cancel any race at any time. Race Cancellations will be decided by the board prior to the race starting. Members are responsible for checking the 907 Barrel Racers Facebook page, web site and/or receive message via text blast where officials will promptly post any cancellations. Every attempt will be made to reschedule cancelled races whenever possible.

RE-RUNS & BROKEN PATTERN RULES

1. Any re-runs awarded will be at the discretion of race officials and will be decided by a majority vote of board of Directors.
2. Any contestant believing they are due a re-run must bring it to the attention of the secretary or a board member before the next class begins.
3. A request for a re-run is not a guarantee that one will be awarded.
4. If a re-run is granted, the contestant will have the option of being rolled to the bottom.
5. A broken pattern occurs when the rider fails to complete the designated pattern.
6. A legal run must be ran in a continual forward motion of the race pattern. Rider must not cross/back track through their original motion to correct pattern.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All members/contestants/participants of 907 Barrel Racers are expected to behave at all times with the utmost respect for other racers, board members, flaggers, timers, and most importantly, our equine partners. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times by all. Any action/s deemed unsportsmanlike or damaging to other racers, the club, or any animal, will be subject to fines and/or expulsion from 907 Barrel Racers. Members/contestants/participants must regard barrel racing is an honorable sport, and conduct self and competition as such. They must build a fair and just competition using integrity in relations with other members/contestants/participants and with the public and strive to maintain high standards in all aspects of business and commerce.

907 Barrel Racers members/contestants/participants are responsible for the conduct of any person that accompanies them to any race or club function. This includes family members, children, friends, etc. Any inappropriate or unsportsmanlike actions or behavior which includes and is not limited to any disparaging video or photos taken, and or shared in public, private or on social media included by any person in the company of a members/contestants/participants will be considered to have been committed by the members/contestants/participants and that members/contestants/participants will be responsible for any fines and/or penalties. Persons violating code of conduct may be asked to leave with the possibility of fines imposed.

Any action deemed prejudicial to the best interests of 907 Barrel Racers may result in fines, penalties, or the immediate suspension of a member, including but not limited to the following:

1. Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence or harass any members/contestants/participants, event official, event volunteer or 907 Barrel Racers Board Members. This includes any remarks made in person, in passing, or on social media with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the 907 Barrel Racers association, any 907 Barrel Racers official or any person acting in such capacity.
2. Abuse of an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action (anywhere on event grounds) may result in disqualification and/or suspension at the 907 Barrel Racers officials' discretion (No refunds will be given). The guidelines for code of conduct will apply in regards to this violation, however the 907 Barrel Racers board of directors have full discretion to impose any fines or penalties as they deem necessary to protect integrity of the club/members/contestants/participants.
3. Members/contestants/participants are responsible at all times for the supervision of their children. Children under the age of 6 must have a responsible adult with them at all times while at any 907 Barrel Racers event. Unsupervised children put themselves and others in danger and repeat offenders of this will be subject to suspension from participation in 907 Barrel Racers events.
4. Any attempt to cheat in any manner including but not limited to: moving or changing the location of a barrel or eye marker, attempting to compete in a division the member is not qualified to compete in, or any obvious attempt to "pull up" or pace their run. Contestants must attempt to make the fastest run possible.

5. Any use of illegal drugs or any instance of underage drinking will result in immediate suspension and a forfeit of entry fees and winnings.

PENALTIES

In the event of a violation to the code of conduct and/or 907 Rule Book the following recourse will be enforced:

- 1st offense = \$50.00 fine, must be paid before member will be allowed entry into another event or race and before points and monies won will be awarded.
- 2nd offense = \$100.00 fine, must be paid before member will be allowed entry into another event or race. Member will forfeit points and monies earned at that race/event and will be suspended from the next event/race and may also face suspension for the remainder of the season and or an expulsion from 907 Barrel Racers depending on the gravity of the offense.

The 907 Board reserves the right to impose any penalty it deems necessary depending on the nature of the offense. Ie...not cleaning up after your horse vs abuse of an animal. Grievances must be submitted in writing within 7 days following the occurrence of the incident. If it is not grieved within the first 7 days of the occurrence it will not be addressed.

Any contestant who abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action (anywhere on event grounds) may result in disqualification and/or suspension at the 907 Barrel Racers officials' discretion. (No refunds will be given) The guidelines for code of conduct will apply in regards to this violation, however the 907 Barrel Racers Board retains the right to enforce 2nd offense violation at any time if deemed necessary.

All decisions regarding 907 Barrel Racers will be resolved with a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any attempt to unduly manipulate this vote will result in immediate suspension.

MEMBERSHIP

907 Barrel Racers reserve the right to refuse membership or service to any person at any time.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

All members \$75.00

Membership fees must be paid in full by the 1st race of the season. NO points will count toward year end standings until membership is paid in full. Memberships are non-transferrable.

Any person three (3) years of age (by January 1st of the current race season), or older is eligible for membership by filling out the required membership forms and paying dues in full. Children under 3 years of age, (by January 1st of the current race season), are not eligible to compete.

SPONSORSHIP

Minimum requirements:

Open \$300.00
Youth \$200.00
Poles \$100.00

**Examples:*

- A Youth member also contesting in Open sponsorship would be \$500.00*
- An Open member contesting on two (2) horses sponsorship would be \$600.00*
- A Youth member contesting on two (2) horses sponsorship would be \$400.00*
- An Open member contesting in barrels/poles would be \$400.00*
- A Youth member running two (2) horses for youth, open and poles would be \$1200.00*

1. Members are responsible for securing sponsorship money in full by the 1st race of the current race season in order for points to accrue or if after the season starts, at or by 1st race entered. Sponsorship packets will be provided upon request & will also be available on the 907 Barrel Racers website. Sponsorships for additional horses being ran for individuals are non-transferrable between members.
2. Membership dues or donations may be paid by check. *NOTE: Failure to make good on a returned check may result in immediate suspension from 907 Barrel Racers events.*
3. Failure to meet above commitments will result in a forfeiture of year end awards.
4. Members have the option to pay the minimum sponsor amount instead of doing fundraising if they desire.
5. Hardship cases, (circumstances beyond the members control) will be heard and evaluated on a case by case basis by the board of directors.
6. Time extension requests will be heard and evaluated on a case by case basis by the board of directors.

POINTS/STANDINGS

1. In order to qualify for year-end awards, members are required to meet the financial commitments stated herein. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of any points and awards otherwise earned and entitled to.
2. Points will be tallied per division.
3. The contestant with the most points in a division at the end of the race season will be named the champion of that particular division, and the contestant with the second highest points in a division will be named the reserve champion.
4. Points will be earned based on rider. Individuals competing on more than one horse will be considered a separate contestant for each horse/rider team. An additional full entry fee must be paid for each additional horse ridden.
5. If a contestant wins a year end championship in more than one division, but on different horses, that contestant is considered a separate competitor and is eligible to remain champion in each division won.
6. If an additional sponsorship fee has been paid for a second horse prior to event start time, the horse with the lower points awarded will go with the second sponsorship. It does not matter which horse the member rides, the points are awarded to the rider, not the horse. Example, Suzie competes on two horses and falls 1st in 1D and 2nd in 1D. Suzie 1 will be awarded 5 points and Suzie 2 will be awarded 4 points.
7. Riders with multiple horses must specify the horse with each entry. The draw position assigned will be to a specific horse and the rider must ride the horses in the order specified or be subject to a fine.
8. If a member opts to enter more horses than paid sponsorship, the member must disclose which horses are competing as sponsorship runs. If adding a horse to accrue points on, the member will need to pay the additional sponsorship.
9. Barrel race/Pole bending will be run in a D format and may change depending on number of contestants.
10. Points system for year-end awards will be 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th places.
11. Should fewer than five horses place in a division, points will be awarded beginning with five points for 1st place.
12. Rider must pay/enter in at least ½ the regular season races to be eligible for awards in that division. If we do an opening season play day or membership day that counts towards the required number of attended races. I.e....if we have 14 races in our season, you must pay/enter in 7 or more.
13. Any ties may be determined on monies won as a tie breaker.

A member who has been suspended, disqualified, or denied points under this section may appeal to the 907 Barrel Racers board members within the 1st 7 days following the occurrence. The date, time, and location of such meeting will be determined by the board. The decisions of such appeals shall be final and binding on all parties.