

2021 Wisconsin NBHA State Championship Rules

Qualifications

- All participants in NBHA State Championships must be current members in good standing at the time of show. All participants must have competed in three District Shows in their declared competition District during the time between the 2020 State Championship Show and the 2021 State Championship Show.

Sponsorships – Individual or Family

- Each contestant/individual **must** obtain at least a \$35 sponsor or personal donation if no sponsor is submitted. All sponsorships must accompany their entry form. This contributes to the added money.
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- Each family [*family consists of adults and their children under age 18 and living in the same household*] **must** obtain at least one \$50 sponsorship or personal donation if no sponsor submitted. All sponsorships must accompany their entry form. This contributes to the added money.

Check In

- Gates open at 8 am on Thursday, August 19th. ***NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN PRIOR TO GATE OPENING. If you arrive after 1 pm Thursday, go to the Show office to get your stall location.***
- You **must** check in at the show office for your competitor packet.

Parking, Electric and Non-electric Camping

- Parking spots are assigned as you arrive in the parking lot. **Wait for the Lot Coordinator before parking your truck and trailer**
- If you have paid for an ELECTRICAL or NON-ELECTRICAL hook-up, you will receive your permit when you arrive. If you are staying off the grounds and leaving your trailer parked at night you will not be charged for camping. Generators will not be permitted in the electrical camping area.
- This will be monitored each night – if you are camping in your trailer you WILL BE charged.**

Stalls, Shavings and Campfires

- Stalls are *pre-assigned*. Stall assignments will be posted on line before the event.
- No swapping or selling of stalls allowed.**
- No tie outs or pens allowed.**
- Stalls are **mandatory for any race entered and/or any horse on the grounds.** ONE horse per stall, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Two bags of shavings will be placed in stalls un-opened, Additional shavings available, purchase at office.
- Small campfires are permitted, but you MUST bring your own OFF THE GROUND fire pit and wood.**

No Horse and Dog Zones

- Absolutely NO horses allowed in any camping areas at any time!
- Dogs MUST be kept on a leash at all times. Excessive barking will not be tolerated. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE ARENA AREA. Please clean up after your dog.

Running Order

- Running order will be posted on-line no later than two days before the event.
- Late entries and/or horse changes **MUST be made by 7 pm Thursday.**
- Late entries will be a random draw and will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the start of the 1st Go-round.
- 2nd Go is a complete reverse order of 1st Go-round.
- Any contestant who competes out of turn or on the wrong horse will receive a no time.

Late Entries

- Late entries for the Open first and second go will be posted at the end of Thursday night.
- Late entries for Thursday night's show will be posted after horse #125

Re-Runs

- Re-runs will be granted if both timers fail to work properly, or if the barrels are not placed properly on the marks. No prior penalties will apply to a re-run.

Dress Code

- A long-sleeved Western full button, snapped or zipped shirt with collar, and a western cowboy hat or helmet. Shirt sleeves must be rolled down and buttoned or snapped. Shirt tails must be tucked in. Jackets or coverings may be worn, but the western attire must exist regardless of cover. Per NBHA rules.
- **Full western attire is required for awards and pictures.**

Hat Fine

- A \$10 hat fine will be assessed to any rider that loses his/her hat in the arena. This must be paid before the hat will be returned and/or before the next run or any payout.

Go-Rounds

- Each Go-Round will pay out money. If \$1000 or more has been added entries are paid back at 70%, added money is paid back at 100%. The number of contestants returning for the two Open short goes will be posted near the Show Office.
- Contestants may be paid Go-Round money on more than one horse in each division.
- Each contestant in the OPEN race will be given the opportunity to ride in two Go-rounds. The number of entries determines the number of qualifiers to ride in the Finals. [Short-Go] In the second Go-round we will bump past those already qualified. If you place two horses in one division you may take both horses back to the Short-Go. Contestants do not need to run in both Go rounds to qualify for the Short Go. Unfilled slots will NOT be pulled from the 1st Go, as riding once is your choice. If one of your horses qualifies for the short go and another does not the one that did not qualify may be ran in the consolation/redemption race.
- The Consolation/Redemption race allows for the first place winners in the 1st through 5th division to have an opportunity to run in the Short go round.
- **Please notify the Show Office if you are going to scratch from a run as soon as possible.**
- Short-Go [Finals] is a clean slate format.
- During the short Go-round, qualifiers may move up or down divisions based on that run. Your placement going into the Short Go has no bearing on your winning position.
- Short-Go [Finals] draw will be slowest to fastest qualifying time. Each division will have a random draw.
- Knocked barrels will result in a NO TIME.
- Seniors will run a 1 Go-round, 4D format.
- Youth will run a 1 Go-round, 4D format.
- A horse may run only once unless it is the only horse in the family. [See NBHA Rule Book]
- Contestants may not change horses during the Finals.
- Failing to check in with the gate officials makes you subject to disqualification.
- You must be in the holding pen at the point the drag tractor turns off and remain in pen until you enter arena for your run.
- You must enter the arena within THREE minutes of your name being called or you will be disqualified. You be given THREE calls.
- There is **NO CIRCLING** allowed once inside the arena. Failure to follow rule will result in a no-time for that ride.
- If necessary, contestants will be allowed a companion horse in the holding pen. If necessary, a contestant may have one handler [with enclosed toe shoes] present in the holding pen.
- There will not be re-runs given if a horse or rider falls after the timer line.
- There will be a holding pen. Rider must exit the holding pen for their run. From the holding pen, rider starts their run. **Please have your horse in a controlled STOP before exiting the arena.**

Pee Wee Class

- Rider must be 8 years old or under and cannot enter any other class at State Finals.
- *Helmets are required for every rider.*
- Must be a family member of any current NBHA member for insurance purposes.
- No payback. Every rider will receive an award.

Warm-up Arena

- No barrels will be set up and no pattern work allowed.
- No lunging of horses OR allowing horses to roll when other horses are in arena.

Target Race

- Target race side pot is based on both Go-rounds of the OPEN class
- Winner is based on smallest difference in time between their 1st Go and 2nd Go.
- Top three places paid out. CASH payout.

NBHA membership and participation in NBHA events is a privilege, not a right. Behavior which is damaging to our Association or its membership will not be tolerated. Any violation of Section E in the NBHA Rule Book may subject a member to disqualification from NBHA events, being denied entry to NBHA events, loss of points, or suspension from the Association. These are the decisions from the show committee which consists of District Directors and the State Director.

See you in Elkhorn!